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THE MESSAGE OF THE ANGELS

A Christmas Reverie

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TO appreciate the significance of the feast of Christmas, one must glance at the condition of the world previous to the birth of Christ. The world was plunged in the darkness of paganism and idolatry. Vice and crime were rampant. For many ages the Jewish people had been looking forward to the coming of the long promised Messiah. This eager expectancy had been kept alive in the heart of Israel by the predictions of a long series of prophets who foretold the circumstances of the Saviour's coming.

These prophecies found their literal fulfillment in the birth of Christ. In the lowly stable of Bethlehem, the Virgin Mother brought forth her Son, and wrapped Him up in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger. There was no room for them in the inns.

Thus He, who was the eternal God, the creator of the world, was denied the comforts enjoyed even by the poor. He who charted the orbits of the planets, and guided the swing of the Pleiades, through the vast reaches of inter-stellar space, now clutched with baby fingers at the straw in the manger. He who fashioned the universe, lifted up the mountains and threaded their rugged sides with golden ore, was without even a pauper's bed. The God Who wrote the music of the heavenly spheres, and made the morning stars sing with glory, is able now to utter only the cry of the new-born babe. With what silent eloquence did the Christ-Child thus preach His first lesson to proud and covetous man.

A Contrast

In order, however, that the strain might not be too great upon the faith of the children of Israel, the poverty and obscurity of the Saviour's birth, were relieved by flashes which revealed His Messiahship and His sovereignty over the hearts of men. For, as the shepherds were keeping their flock on the hillsides of Judea, suddenly they saw a light from on high; they feared with a great fear. But the voice of an angel, reassured them, saying: "Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, that shall be to all the people; for this day is born to you a Saviour, Who is Christ the Lord."

The message was quickly supplemented by the voices of legions of angels. As St. Luke tells us, "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God and saying: 'Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will.'"

The circumstances surrounding the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem bring out into bold relief both the humanity and the divinity of Christ. The divine shines through the crevices of the human. The halo of the infinite playing upon the brow of the helpless Babe relieves the poverty of the finite. The aureole of omnipotence hovering over the manger relieves the utter helplessness of the new-born Babe.

An Old Melody

Such is the scene which Christmas brings again before the eyes of the world. For nineteen centuries it has stirred the imagination and captured the hearts of



THE TRUE REASON FOR CHRISTMAS JOY

"Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy that shall be to all the people, for this day is born to you in the city of David a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord."—From the Gospel.

Today we commemorate the second birth of God's eternal Son. The first, which took place at the beginning of eternity, is recorded for all time in the Nicene Creed, in the words "He was born of the Father before all ages."

This means that He had lived eternal years before the angels were created. In fact, He was their Creator as He was the Creator of the whole universe, according to the words of the Apostle: "All things were made by Him, and without Him was made nothing that was made."

Birth Prompted By His Own Love For Man

His second birth was prompted by His predilection for mankind. It took place in this world, and in that birth He assumed the form of man, in order that He might dwell among men, teach them, cultivate their reciprocal love and save them. How astounding the declaration of faith: "For us men and for our salvation He came down from Heaven and became incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary and was made man." Angels sinned, but He did not become their Savior. Mankind sinned through its progenitor, and He offered Himself as its Redeemer.

Reference is made to the eternal birth of the Son of God in solemn words addressed to the intellect in the opening chapter of the Gospel of St. John. The story of His second birth in this world is told in the sweet and mirthful narrative in the opening chapter of the Gospel of St. Luke, which is read at the first of the three Masses on Christmas.

Even the boundless love which the Heavenly

The Full Meaning of Christmas

By THE REV. H. C. HENGELL, Ph.D.

Why does Christian civilization celebrate Christmas? It would seem that many have forgotten the meaning of Christmas. It has lost all religious meaning for them. They merely exchange a lot of conventional Christmas greetings and presents. Others talk a little about the brotherhood of men and of the Fatherhood of God at Christmas time, but people who really think, and there are still millions of them, know that Christmas means the Birth of Christ. To them Christ is not only the greatest man that ever lived on this earth, but He is literally the Eternal Son of God, Who united our poor human nature to His divine personality in the womb of the only Virgin Mother, Mary.

Strictly speaking no one has a right to call himself a Christian or a follower of Christ unless he believes without hesitation the central doctrine of Christianity; namely, that Jesus Christ was God, the Word made Flesh. This doctrine of the incarnation is the core and substance of Christianity. To use the word "Christian" as implying anything less than that is to confuse thought with figurative language.

Jesus Christ taught while He was living, a mortal Man, upon earth. When mortality in Him had given way to glory, He passed away from human sight, but He made provision to continue teaching men how to find and to achieve their eternal destiny. He caused much of His teaching to be written in a collection of writings known as the New Testament of the Bible. But He relied more on the living word than upon the writ-

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flat of His Will, Omnipotence moved and said to Nothingness, "Be!" and lo and behold, spheres fell into their orbits, passing one another in beautiful harmony without ever a hitch or a halt.

Then came the living things: the herbs bearing fruit as unconscious tribute to their Maker; the trees, with their leafy arms outstretched all day in prayer, and the flowers opening the chalice of their perfumes to their Creator. With the labor that was never exhausting, God then made the sensitive creatures to roam about, either in the watery palaces of the depths, or on wings, to fly through trackless space, or else as unwinged to roam the fields in search of their repast and natural happiness. But all of this beauty, which has inspired the song of poets and the tracings of artists, was not in the Divine Mind sufficiently beautiful for the creature whom God would make to be the lord and master of the universe. He would do one thing more: He would set apart, as a choice garden, a small portion of His creation, beautify it with four rivers flowing through lands rich with gold and onyx, permit to roam in it the beasts of the field as domestic of that garden in order to make it a paradise of the most intense happiness and pleasure that was possible on earth.

Creation of Man

When finally that Eden was made beautiful, as only God knows how to make things beautiful, He launched the masterpiece of His creation: the first man, and in that paradise of pleasure was celebrated the first nuptials of humanity—the union of flesh and flesh of the first man and woman: Adam and Eve.

Now if God so prepared for His first great work, which was man, by making the paradise of Creation, it was even more fitting that before sending His Son to redeem the world, He should prepare for Him a paradise of the Incarnation. And for four thousand years He prepared it by symbols and prophecies. In the language of types He prepared human minds for some understanding of what this new paradise would be.

The burning bush of Moses inundated with the glory of God, and conserving, in the midst of its flowers, was a symbol of a new paradise conserving in the honor of its maternity the very perfume of virginity.

The rod of Aaron flourishing in the solitude of the Temple, while isolated from the world by silence and retreat, was a symbol of that paradise which in a place of retirement and isolation from the world would engender the very flower of the human race. The arch of alliance where the Tables of the Law were conserved was a symbol of the new paradise in which the Law in the Person of Christ would take up His very residence.

That paradise was prepared for, not only by symbols, but also by prophecies. Even in that dread day when an angel with a flaming sword was stationed in the first garden in creation, a prophecy was made that the serpent would not eventually conquer, but that a woman would crush its head. Later on Isaiah and Jeremiah hailed that holy paradise as one which should encircle a Man.

A Worthy "Paradise"

But prophets and symbols were a too distant preparation. God would labor still more on His Paradise. He would make a Paradise not overrun with weeds and thistles, but blooming with every flower of virtue; a Paradise at whose gates infidelity would never dare to storm; a Paradise from which would flow not four rivers through lands rich with gold and onyx, but four oceans of grace to the four corners of the world; a Paradise destined to bring forth the Tree of Life, and therefore full of life and grace itself; a Paradise in which was to be tabernacled Purity itself, and therefore one immaculately pure; a Paradise so beautiful and sublime that the Heavenly Father would not have to blush in sending His Son into it, and that Paradise of the Incarnation to be gardened by the Adam new, that flesh-girt Paradise in which there was to be celebrated the nuptials, not of man and woman, but of humanity and

divinity, is our own Beloved Mary, Mother of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

And thus, as we gather about the crib of Bethlehem, we somehow feel that we are in the presence of a new Paradise of Beauty and Love and Innocence, and that the name of that Paradise is Mary. God labored for six days and produced Eden for the first Adam; now He labored anew, and produced the new Eden, Mary, for the new Adam, Christ. And if we could have been there in that stable on the first Christmas night, we might have seen that Paradise of the Incarnation, but we should not be able to recollect whether her face was beautiful or not, nor should we be able to recall any of her features, for what would have impressed us, and made us forget all else, would have been the lovely sinless soul that shone through her eyes like two celestial suns, that spoke in her mouth which only breathed in prayer, and that was heard in her voice, which was like the hushed song of the angels.

If we could have stood at the gates to that Paradise we should have less peered at it, than into it, for what would have impressed us, would not have been any external qualities, though these would have been ravishing, but rather the qualities of her soul—her simplicity, innocence, humility, and above all, her purity—and so completely would all these have taken possession of our soul, as so much divine music, that our first thought would have been, "Oh! so beautiful," and our second thought would have been, "Oh! what hateful creatures we are!"

Made Mother Most Pure

Tell me why should not that Paradise of the Incarnation be spotless and pure? Why should she not be immaculate and stainless? Just suppose that you could have pre-existed your own mother, in much the same way that an artist pre-exists his painting. Furthermore, suppose that you had an infinite power to make your mother anything that you pleased, just as a great artist like Raphael has the power of realizing his artistic ideals. Supposing you had this double power, what kind of mother would you have made for yourself?

Would you have made her of such a type that would make you blush because of her unwomanly and unmotherlike actions? Would you have in any way stained and soiled her with the selfishness that would make her unattractive not only to you, but to your fellow man? Would you have made her exteriorly and interiorly of such a character as to make you ashamed of her, or would you have made her, so far as human beauty goes, the most beautiful woman in the world; and so far as beauty of soul goes, one who would radiate every virtue, every manner of kindness and charity and loveliness, one who by the purity of her life and her mind and her heart would be an inspiration not only to you, but even to your fellowman, so that all would look up to her as the very incarnation of what is best in motherhood?

Now, if you who are an imperfect being and who have not the delicate conception of all that is fine in life, would have made the loveliest of mothers, do you think that Our Blessed Lord who not only pre-existed His own Mother, but who had an infinite power to make her just what He chose, would, in virtue of all the infinite delicacy of His Spirit, make her any less pure and loving and beautiful than you would have made your own mother?

If you who hate selfishness, would have made her selfless, and who hate ugliness would have made her beautiful, do you not think that the Son of God who hates sin would make His own Mother sinless, and who hates moral ugliness, would have made her immaculately beautiful?

A Child of Mary

I plead, therefore, for a Christmas in which the Babe is not an Orphan, but a Child of Mary; I plead for a religion which breathes respect for motherhood, and vibrates with a love for that Mother, above all mothers, who brought Our Saviour into the world. If there is any man or woman looking for a test as to what constitutes the divine religion on this earth, let him apply the same test he would to the judgment of a man.

If you ever want to know the real qualities of a man, judge him not by his attitude to the world of commerce, his outlook on business,

his kindness and his genteel manners, but judge him rather by his attitude to his own mother. If you want to know the quality of a religion, judge it exactly the same way, that is, not by the way it seeks to please men, but rather by the attitude that it has to the Mother of Our Blessed Lord. If you find a religion which never speaks of that Woman who gave us Our Redeemer; which, in its liturgy and its devotions, is silent about the most beautiful of women; which, in its history has even broken her images and statues, then there certainly must be something wanting to the truth of that religion, and let me say, even to its humanity.

Inconsistency of World

Our Blessed Lord could hardly be expected to look with favor on those who forgot His Mother, who nourished Him as a Babe, carried Him into Egypt, caressed Him as a Child, and stood at the bedside of the cross when, with almost His last breath, He tenderly called her "Mother." Really, one of the great inconsistencies of the modern world is its sentimental and almost commercial attachment to "Mother's Day," and its complete forgetfulness of the Mother of Mothers, the Mother of our Lord, and the Mother of men, without whom all motherhood is without a Christian ideal. I can understand why a man should love his mother, but I cannot understand why a man who calls himself a Christian and a follower of Christ should not have a very deep and intense love for Christ's Mother. I repeat, therefore, that a quick test for the divinity of any religion, is its outlook on the Mother of Christ. And if you want to know just how intense and deep and loyal our love is to that sweet Mother, then place your hands over our hearts.

Birth Control and Divorce

Christmas takes on a new meaning when the Mother is seen with the Babe. In fact, the heavens and the earth seem almost to exchange places. Years and years ago, aye, centuries ago, we used to think of heaven as "way up there." Then one day the God of the heavens came to this earth, and that hour when she held the Babe in her arms, it became true to say that with her we now "look down" to heaven.

In these days when Mother is separated from Child, which is birth-control, and a husband is separated from his wife, which is

divorce, we plead for the return of the Ideal Mother and we address her: With our forlorn and cheerless condition, sweet Queen, we pray thee, give us patience and endurance. When our spirit is exalted or depressed, when it loses its balance, when it is restless or wayward, when it is sick of what it has and hankers after what it has not, when our mortal frame trembles under the shadow of the tempter, we shall call on thee, and ask thee to bring us back to ourselves, for thou art the cool breath of the immaculate, the fragrance of the rose of Sharon—thou art the Paradise of the Incarnation—thou art the Mother of Our Saviour—thou art Our Queen—Our Mother—Our Immaculate Mother—and we love thee!

—Address delivered in the Catholic Radio Hour.

An Appreciation of Lady Georgiana Fullerton

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ed to go with them. The loss of her son by a sudden accident, when away from her, was a crushing blow. The list of her works, original and translated, is very long. That which will live longest is perhaps her masterpiece, Constance Sherwood.



"Good Will to Men"

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editors are glad to reserve space for
important news items if they are no-
tified in time to do so.

News and Views

The Most Reverend Joseph
Schrembs, bishop of Cleveland, in
an official announcement urges
greater devotion to the Infant Je-
sus of Prague and suggests a pray-
er in the practice of this devotion.

The Bishop declares that the de-
votion was scarcely known in this
country a few years ago, "though
it has been practiced for over two
centuries in Europe." Today, he
adds, "there is not a place where
the Infant Jesus of Prague is not
known and venerated."

"The many and striking favors
granted to pious souls in other
lands have been repeated in this
country," Bishop Schrembs says.

The prayer suggested by the
Bishop is as follows:

"O dearest Infant Jesus! We be-
seech Thee to cast a merciful look
on our troubled hearts. Let Thy
tender Heart, so inclined to pity,
be softened at our prayers, and
grant us that grace which we ar-
dently implore. Take from us the
affliction and despair, the trials
and misfortunes with which we are
laden. For the sake of Thy sacred
infancy hear our prayers and send
us consolation and aid that we may
praise Thee with the Father and
the Holy Ghost forever and ever.
Amen."

In St. Louis a Diocesan Council
has been set up to promote the plan
for uniformity in Church music ac-
cording to the ideals set forth by
Pope Pius X.

St. Richard's parish in Chicago
will hold its Christmas service this
year in a public school. A fire a
week ago destroyed the altar and
sanctuary of the church.

An address by the Rev. Dr. John
A. Ryan, of the Catholic University
of America, director of the social
action of the National Catholic
Welfare Conference, which was given
at a meeting of the joint Un-
employment Conference has been
inserted in the Congressional Rec-
ord.

Every Sunday at one o'clock
through Station KFAB in Omaha,
Father Flanagan, founder of the
famous Boys' Home, broadcasts an
attractive program. Many of the
boys from the home take part in
the broadcast.

The Rev. Dr. Fulton J. Sheen
will begin a series of sixteen ad-
dresses over the Catholic Hour on
New Year's Day. Father Sheen
is already familiar to those who
listen to the Catholic Hour broad-
casts. He is professor of the Phil-
osophy of Religion at the Catholic
University of America, and is an
internationally known orator and
author.

The appointment of the Rev.
Daniel F. Desmond, assistant pas-
tor at the Church of St. Clement,
West Somerville, Mass., to be Bis-
hop of Alexandria in Louisiana is
announced in word just received
from Washington from Rome.



Official

Christmas Greeting

The Bishop of Fort Wayne extends his best wishes for a truly joyful, and therefore a merry, Christmas to all his children in the many parishes under his jurisdiction. He would also beg a remembrance in the prayers of the people on this feast of God's infinite love.

The offering of all Catholics in this diocese on Christmas Day will be for the support of the great number of Orphans and dependent children which the diocese is obliged to house and feed and clothe and educate.

Your pastor will have copies of OUR SUNDAY VISITOR for distribution at the church door next Sunday and every Sunday thereafter. Of course, you are welcome and even encouraged to have your paper sent direct to your home. We want one of your New Year Resolutions to be to read OUR SUNDAY VISITOR every week conscientiously.

Read what the Holy Father said last week:

VATICAN CITY—The interest of Catholics must be aroused so that they will not only read their Catholic newspapers but will also give them the proper financial support, His Holiness Pope Pius XI. declared, addressing an Italian Catholic university group he has just received in audience.

The university group includes a special solicitude for the Catholic Press in its program of activities, and Pope Pius heartily indorsed its intention to stimulate interest in and support of Catholic newspapers. The persons received by His Holiness are all members of Catholic Action.

Catholic newspapers, Pope Pius XI. told the university group, have too few subscribers, particularly paying subscribers. Whenever his blessing is requested for the Catholic Press, the Holy Father continued, his intention is always to give a special blessing to those who are paying subscribers to the Catholic Press.

Pope Pius took occasion to point out the extensive apostolate that is open to the good press, and invited all those belonging to Catholic Action to participate actively in this apostolate.

Catholic Triumph Result of Belgian Election Contests

Brussels.—The special general election in Belgium, deliberately forced by the Liberals who had become over-confident as a result of a slight gain in the Brussels municipal elections, has resulted in a victory for the Catholics. They have increased their seats in Parliament from 76 to 80 and continue to be the strongest party in the Government. The Socialists registered a smaller gain, raising their strength from 70 to 73 seats.

Victory in the general election meant more than a numerical gain when the social, moral and national troubles that provoked the crisis are taken into consideration. It represented a unified Catholic strength, the leaders of the various groups of Catholics having buried their differences in the face of an attack upon their religious convictions and the menace of the withdrawal of State subsidy from Catholic schools.

Christmas Masses In Cathedral City Begin At Midnight

Bishop Pontificates at Cathedral;
Solemn Services in All Par-
ishes; Elaborate Musical
Programs to Attend
Feast of Nativity

Ushering in the great Feast of the Nativity, solemn Masses will be celebrated at midnight in seven of the Fort Wayne churches and in four at 5 o'clock. The Most Rev. John Francis Noll, D. D., will pontificate at midnight at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, the Mass and sermon by the prelate following his blessing of the three new altars.

The Rev. Thomas M. Conroy, rector, will be arch priest; the Rev. Michael A. Chapman, and the Rev. Bernard Scharf, C. S. S. R., Redemptorist missionary, Lebanon, Ind., deacons of honor; the Rev. Curt A.

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Catholic Schools Of Winnipeg Are Forced To Close

Winnipeg, Canada.—The financial strain under which the Catholic people of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg are laboring to maintain their own schools, aggravated by the current world-wide depression, has forced the Most Rev. Alfred A. Sinnott, to decide upon the closing of the Catholic parochial schools in Winnipeg on January 1.

The Archbishop made this announcement in a statement to the press Tuesday of this week, and in a letter to Mayor R. H. Webb, in which this city's Chief Executive is asked to communicate with the School Board, "that they may take whatever action may be deemed necessary in the circumstance."

Nine schools, with approximately 2,500 children, will be affected. They are institutions which, with great sacrifice, the Catholics have maintained unaided for more than forty years. More than 70 Sisters, of various teaching Orders, will now return to their motherhouses.

Bishop To Bless Cathedral Altars At Midnight Mass

Pageantry of Ceremony at Open-
ing of Services Synonymous
With Middle Ages; Key to
Tabernacle Will Be Pre-
sented to Bishop After
Procession.

Preceding the Christmas Mid-
night Pontifical Mass at the Cath-
edral of the Immaculate Concep-
tion, Fort Wayne, unveiling of the
three magnificent new altars to be
blessed by the Most Rev. Bishop
John F. Noll, D. D., will be the
occasion of an unusual and impos-
ing ceremony. Pageantry, synono-
mous with the Middle Ages, when
the Gothic style of architecture,
expressed in the design and artistry
of the altars was attaining pre-
eminence, will characterize the
procession. Donors have chosen
the young ladies who will have the
honor of unveiling the altars.

The procession will include all
of the participants in the ceremony.
Miss Rosemary Nagelson who will
present the key of the tabernacle
of the main altar to the Most Rev.
Bishop will be attended by six
pages. All costumes will be typical
of the Middle Ages. Miss Nagelson
will be robed in a black velvet
gown, having a white satin bodice.
The train will be long and lined
with cardinal red satin. Four pages
will precede her and two will be
train bearers. They will wear ivory
satin suits, black patent leather
slippers.

Miss Julietta Burns will unveil
the altar of St. Joseph, a memorial
to her grandmother, Mrs. Julia A.
Burns. This altar is the gift of
Mrs. Julietta Lange Burns, daugh-
ter of the deceased.

The altar of the Blessed Virgin,
a memorial to Mr. and Mrs. Wil-
liam Henry Dreier, will be unveil-
ed by their grand-daughter, Miss
Anna Louise Hamilton of Chicago.
Donors were members of the Dreier
family.

The exquisitely carved main al-
tar is a memorial to Frank B.
Phillips presented by his sister,
Mrs. Odelia Breen.

Ten acolytes in the procession
will wear red cassocks and white
lace surplices. Twenty-four choir
boys will be vested in black cas-
socks and white linen surplices.

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Fr. Burke Withdraws From U. S. Ceremony As Masons Officiate

Washington.—Despite the fact
that the name of the Rev. Dr. John
J. Burke, C.S.P., General Secretary
of the National Catholic Welfare
Conference, appeared on the pro-
gram to deliver the invocation at
the laying of the cornerstone of
the Department of Labor building
here, and that he was reported in
some newspapers as having done
so, he did not in fact deliver the
invocation.

Father Burke, who had accepted
an invitation to speak at the cere-
mony, learned only at the last mo-
ment that the Free Masons of the
District of Columbia, using their
Masonic ritual, were to lay the
cornerstone. Father Burke at once
declined to participate in the cere-
mony.

Gary Youth Is Honored

Milwaukee, Wis.—John Doyne,
son of Mr. and Mrs. James J.
Doyne, 532 Harrison st., Gary, Ind.,
has been elected all-university ju-
nior class president at Marquette
university here.

Young Doyne, a junior in the
Marquette College of Business Ad-
ministration, is one of the most
prominent and most popular under-
graduates on the campus. He is a
varsity cheer-leader; a member of
Delta Sigma Pi, international
commerce fraternity; a leader in
forensics activities, and a member
of the Marquette Lecture Bureau,
Catholic speakers' organization.

He was graduated from Horace
Mann high school, Gary, in 1930.

~ The Well-Instructed Catholic ~

Knows that infallibility does not mean that the Pope cannot sin. No purely human being, as the Pope is, is free from the possibility of sin. Infallibility has nothing to do therefore with impeccability which does imply the impossibility of sinning; this term may be applied to our Lord. Infallibility means that by a special dispensation of Providence the Pope cannot err in his official teaching concerning faith or morals. It is applicable only when the Pope speaks to the universal church, and is a safe-guard necessary to preserve the deposit of faith and purity of Catholic morals. Christ evidently wanted all men to believe what the Church teaches, to follow her code of morals. This would be impossible if the human guardian and head of the Church could err in these important matters and thus lead the entire Church into mistakes perhaps fatal to salvation.

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Dearly Beloved Son: Health and Apostolic Benediction! The Holy Father, Pius XI, is aware of the happy fruits, which your weekly periodical, *Our Sunday Visitor*, has borne during these many years, not only by explaining the truth in a dignified manner, but also by refuting error with rare judgment. You have, therefore, won the confidence of your readers that your service will be even more fruitful in future.

Cherishing such a hope, the common Father, in token of heavenly gifts, and as a mark of special benevolence, imparts with his whole heart, the Apostolic Benediction both to yourself and to all those who read or assist *Our Sunday Visitor*.

✠ P. CARD. GASPARRI.

The message which was brought by the angel from Heaven to the few shepherds at Bethlehem has been repeated nineteen hundred times on the anniversary of that event, and has been retold millions of times as the sweetest story in the annals of history.

On each recurring Christmas this message, paraphrased, is carried over the air by electric waves from one end of the world to the other as announced from a single pulpit. Last Christmas the writer, speaking in Indiana, was heard not only in every corner of the United States, but across the seas. He heard from people sailing on the ocean and had a letter reporting good reception in far off Honolulu.

The message of Christmas in the year 1, is just as important in the year 1932. The world needs a Savior just as badly to-day. Peace is needed many times greater than it was in that day, and so is good will. After the enjoyment of blessings brought into the world by God's Beloved Son the Christmas spirit should be the normal spirit of the age in every land. Why is the contrary the case?

Because "He is in the world and the world knows Him not" though "all things were made by Him and without Him nothing was made." He is disowned as the great Provider and Benefactor. The consequence of this attitude is spiritual chaos. Man who struggles to know the things of lesser value assumes that there is no need trying to ascertain the truth about "the one thing necessary."

It is natural that our thoughts on Christmas Day should be somewhat colored and controlled by the many activities in which we are engaged, but we are all aware of the fact that Christmas has a much deeper meaning than the giving of gifts and all of the varied things which come with the season. We should welcome the time we spend in prayer and adoration on this day for the opportunity it affords us of looking into the deeper meaning of the Feast. Much of the beauty and joy of the day will be lost if we fail to turn our minds in prayerful meditation to the mystery it enshrines.

We have been reading much during the past few years of the collapse of civilization, and with good reason. But why is civilization collapsing? Because, without Him Who is "the way, the truth and the life", there can be no civilization of a material kind, which ends in barbarism. The scholars of our age never cease reminding us that "history repeats itself," but they seem to shut their eyes to the fact that at the very time of Christ the great Roman Empire enjoyed a material civilization equal to any in our generation. The very things which created it also destroyed it.

The need of the hour is "Christ the Lord", Christ the Savior, Christ the Teacher, Christ the Law-giver, Christ the Exemplar, Christ the Emmanuel.

Christ lives in His Church, is a Savior through His Church, is a Teacher through His Church, is a Law-giver through His Church. To turn to Christ in this day means to turn to His Church. It may be a cure which a pleasure-seeking age does not care to adopt, but there is no other cure.

The civilization affected and promoted by the Church is the only civilization which will endure, the only civilization in which people will find their happiness, the only civilization which will elevate people, purify them and prepare them for the end for which they were given existence.

Readers Speak to Readers

1740 Park Ave., N. Chicago, Ill.
December 12, 1932

Your Excellency and Rev. Father:

This being my first writing to you, although I have been a most faithful reader of *Our Sunday Visitor* for a long time, I want to congratulate you on the splendid work you are doing.

I always enjoy reading what your readers have to say in the "Readers Speak to Readers" columns. And in view of the approaching holidays, I thought my idea or suggestion might not be out of order in these same columns.

This year when there are so many people unable to give gifts of a material nature, I suggest that they make their Christmas gifts spiritual; i. e., offer up so many Holy Communion or Holy Masses or Rosaries for the intention of their beneficiaries, and signify their intention of such a gift on an appropriate Christmas card. And to the rich or more fortunate, I suggest that they give their material gifts to the poor and unfortunate and then give to their rich comrades and friends, or the unneeded, a spiritual gift. In this way all, both rich and poor, would enjoy and possess the real spirit of Christmas which seems to be lacking in so many of our homes today.

Wishing, to the staff and to all my readers a Christmas replete with God's Graces and Blessings, I am,

Respectfully yours,
CHARLES E. NEAL.

127 Avalon, Detroit, Mich.
December 2, 1932

Dear Father:

May I comment on John L. Naylor's highly commendable letter with reference to Catholic literature?

Access to such Catholic reading matter as described in his letter is difficult.

The rising generation of youthful Catholics is most certainly the fertile field wherein to plant constructive means to combat non-Catholic thought, prejudiced non-Catholic writings, and non-Catholic atmosphere.

Increased CATHOLIC UNITY in all our activities is vitally essential. When our efforts are combined throughout a whole nation, greater will be our reward.

If the plan Mr. Naylor has worked out locally, which has met with high favor, is effective, there is no reason why it cannot be adopted nationally. Mr. Naylor, why not lay before our READERS the steps you have taken to work out such a system? Perhaps there will be some one in each of our larger centers take the responsibility upon himself to carry out a similar work. These leaders (by making themselves known in this column) can keep in close contact with one another.

When this plan has been adopted, with authoritative approval, in at least twelve centers, there is no reason why a NATIONAL CATHOLIC LITERARY SOCIETY cannot be organized. All Catholic Guilds, Catholic literary clubs sponsored by various schools, colleges, religious communities, etc., could be affiliated with such a society.

It need not be a costly task, just a little intelligent supervision and noble volunteers who are anxious to do something for the greater honor and glory of God.

There are numerous Catholic Institutions which would be glad to lend space for such a noble cause. The Knights of Columbus headquarters in our larger cities would be an ideal location.

Can we not band together and successfully carry on such a national work? It will be a means of getting millions better acquainted with God, highly cultural, as well

as providing a much needed joint Catholic social outlet for all ranks.

Sincerely,
MARY ROSE YOUNG.

CHRISTMAS-TIDE

By Delight Cronin

Christmas carols are on the air,
Joy and peace abounding;
From the steeples everywhere
Christmas chimes are sounding.
In each heart is happiness,
Faith and love abiding;
Holly wreaths each pane caress
Yuletide bliss providing.

"Peace on earth, good will to men,"
Once the angels breathed it.
Hopeful is the earth again,
Christmas cheer has wreathed it.
"Glory to our God on high,"
Every heart is singing,
And the glad exultant cry
Through the world is winging.

Once again we turn to kneel
At a lowly manger;
Burning love anew we feel
For a tiny Stranger.
Ring, ye bells of Christmas-tide!
All the world is listening;
O'er Judea's far hillside
Bethlehem's star is glistening.

The Full Meaning of Christmas

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ten word. So He sent His Apostles to teach in His Name and in the power of the same Name, they again sent others, and they others, down to the present day.

Unworthy though I am, I am one of the actual successors and assistants to His Apostles, teaching and ministering in His Name in the chapel today. My authority to teach in the Name of Christ here does not depend upon any learning or cleverness that I may or may not possess, nor even upon any goodness or natural virtue that I ought to possess, but upon the fact of my being, not a self-appointed, but an authorized teacher in the Apostolic succession of teaching in His Church. It was only to His Apostles and their authorized successors that He said, "He that heareth you, heareth Me" (Luke X, 16); and again, "He that is of God heareth the words of God!"

In the true and full sense Christmas means proper appreciation of the Christ-Mass still offered to God through His authorized representatives and acceptance of the whole of His teaching as expounded by them in His Name.

If we consider all that is imperfect and worldly in us, we shall find ample reason for abasing ourselves before God and man, before ourselves and our inferiors.—St. Vincent de Paul.

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FORT WAYNE NEWS

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM MARKS PARTY GIVEN AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

With festivities under auspices of the Precious Blood Parish Athletic association, Fort Wayne, the annual Christmas party for the children of the Precious Blood grade school and the children in the parish of pre-school age, was held Sunday afternoon in the auditorium at 2 o'clock. The festive center was attractively decorated, a mammoth illuminated tree provided and Santa Claus was present to gladden the hearts of the children. This was one of the largest parish parties of the holiday season. Ben Jansen is chairman of the entertainment committee which ably planned the event.

Sisters of the Most Precious Blood, faculty of the school, trained the boys and girls for the presentation of a program that was enjoyed by all of the students and the many adults attending. The Rev. Cyril Mohr, C. P. S., pastor, and the Rev. John Wilson, C. P. S., attended, Father Mohr extending greetings of the season.

The delightful program was as follows:

Christmas Greetings, Junior Orchestra, — Violins, Anthony Ley, Clem Neher, George Kapp, Fred Beckman; Cornets, Richard Clark, Paul Reid; Piano, Mary Ley. "Two Stockings", Recitation by Louise Bir. Song and Recitation, by the Pupils of the Second Grade; Piano Accompanist, Mary O'Connor; Richard Abobtt, James Brosche, Donald Chandler, Richard Doak, John Eber, Donald Freistroffer, John Henry, Stanley Herber, Herbert Hosler, Robert Horn, Bernard Jansen, Francis Knight, Norbert Moulin, Lester Reid, James Rosset, Bernard Schenkel, Robert Schull, Gerden Schull, Richard Hilker, Betty Blatzacher, Dorothy Chandler, Marjorie David, Margaret Ann Degitz, Rita Fough, Jeanne Girardot, Imogene Heit, Jean Henkenius, Patricia Hiser, Kathryn Hueber, Rejean Landstoffer, Marjorie Leffers, Mary Frances Luley, Charlotte Lynch, Marilyn Miller, Kathleen Saxton, Virginia Till, Dorothy Till, Teresa Troendly, Maxine Parker, Rita Vonderhaar, Gloriann Weikart. "In the Park", Duet by Rose and Mary Schenkel. "Merry, Merry Christmas Bells"—Song by the Pupils of Grade III and IV; Piano Accompanist, Rose K. Schenkel; Richard Adams, Rodney Barth, Fred Beckman, Robert Boulton, Wilbur Bugert, Denzil Cobb, Donald Didion, Gerald Hamilton, Charles Henry, Robert Herber, Donald Jordan, Donald Kelker, Earl Manier, John McCaffrey, Edward Menzie, Thelma Lapp, Doris Pappert, Wanita Pauken, Evelyn Sutter, Betty Jane Wood, James O'Connor, Robert Seitz, William Perley, Donald Sterling, Hugh Swathwood, Ned Thompson, Richard Willig, Eleanor Bailey, Ruth Brown, Dorothy Deitschel, Mary Heinkel, Martha Hoehn, Eileen Horstman, Virginia Kaough, Jeanette Kohlmeier, Annette Orendorf, Jean Pappert, Donna Mae Schory, Bernadette Vonderhaar, Mary Jane Wood. "Santa Claus on the Train", Recitation by Joan Hueber. "Sweet Bells of Christmas", Song by Irene Brinker, Margaret Kocks, Eileen Thompson, Marie Martin, Mary J. Deitschel, Gladys Chandler, Eileen Abbott, Bernardine Kocks, Ruth Henkenius, Helen Muehlmeier, Virginia Schimmele, Marjorie Sigl, Catherine Schmieman, Annette Orendorf, Maxine Lapp; Piano Accompanist, Mildred Erpelding. "The Magician", George Aker. Song, Mrs. Everett Carey. Enter, Santa Claus Himself.

C. L. C. CLUB MEETS

The Catholic Literature club held its regular monthly meeting Saturday evening, Dec. 17, at the home of Mrs. Mary Zurbuch, in Shawnee Drive, Miss Mary O'Dowd, the president, presiding.

The Christmas program presented was as follows:

Christmas Carols—Violin, Miss

Ruth Zurbuch; piano, Miss Esther Zurbuch.

The Bible as Literature—Miss Loretto King.

Vocal Solo—Holy Night—Mrs. J. J. Corcoran; accompanist Mrs. C. D. Nolan.

Intellectual Aspects of the Church—Mrs. Martin Greven.

Vocal Duet—Adeste Fideles—Mrs. T. J. O'Dowd and Miss Cleopha Bueter; accompanist, Miss Loretto King.

The Christmas charity report was read by the Chairman, Miss Hazel Daugherty. The next meeting will be a guest night at which the Rev. Carl Holzinger will lecture. The hostesses are Miss Margaret Leahy, Miss Elizabeth Harkner and Mrs. T. J. O'Dowd, at whose home it will be held.

CLOWNS ENTERTAIN ORPHANS AT VILLA GIFTS DISTRIBUTED

Over 250 orphans, a group of the Poor Handmaids of Christ in charge of St. Vincent's Villa, Fort Wayne, and many of the members of the Catholic Orphan Guild, attended the annual Christmas party given by the Guild in the Villa auditorium, Sunday afternoon. A surprise entertainment by Floyd Huffman and his clowns, offerings by Rudy Errington's Collegians' band, three numbers by the orphans, the visit of Santa Claus, impersonated by Anthony J. Offerle and distribution of gifts marked the program. Events provided were highly entertaining to children and adults.

The frolic opened with a clown dance "Jingle Bells," and besides the musical offerings included the following numbers by the clowns: Firecracker stunt, "Three Honey Bees", one-act playlet, "Ghosts in a Graveyard," Blinky, Gus and Goofus. Boxing gloves and roller skating act by Gus the clown, "Hot Dog and Beer Act" by Blinky and Goofus who presented a small dog to Joan Podolack, a blind orphan. After a specialty dance by Blinky and Gus, the final act of the clowns was entitled "Here Comes the Indians," Gus and Goofus in a war dance.

Santa Claus arrived as the orphans sang "Jingle Bells." "Christmas at the Villa" was another number, and one of the orphans in behalf of her companions and the Poor Handmaids of Christ, voiced gratitude. The gifts of the Guild members distributed at the party were in response to the letters written by the orphans. The 21 Sisters at the Villa were also remembered.

Mrs. Anthony Nesswald, president of the Guild, was general chairman; Mrs. James McBenett, chairman; Miss Minnie Greivich, vice chairman. Santa Claus was assisted by the hostesses.

THOMAS D. CARROLL DIES IN COLUMBUS

Frank Carroll, manager of the Rowland Furniture store, Fort Wayne, has returned from Columbus, O., where he was called by the death of his father, Thomas D. Carroll, 74, a wholesale and retail dry goods merchant until his retirement. Mr. Carroll died from pneumonia after an illness of less than a week. He maintained a summer home at Clear Lake and was well known in Fort Wayne. The funeral was held at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, Dec. 14, from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Columbus, O., of which the deceased was a prominent member.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS IN SODALITY, HOLY NAME, ST. JOSEPH'S

Members of the Blessed Virgin sodality of St. Joseph's church, Fort Wayne, met Sunday morning after 8 o'clock Mass and incident to the December business session elected officers. Miss Virginia Danaher was chosen president; Miss Angeline Riley, vice president; Miss Loretta Scheiner, treasurer.

Miss Beatrice Danaher was unanimously re-elected secretary. The Rev. Charles F. Girardot, pastor, attended the meeting and addressed the assembly.

Announcement is made of the results of the election of officers in the Holy Name society. James Huntine was elected president at Tuesday night's meeting; Clarence Freehill, vice president; Edward Brooks, secretary; Joseph Rieman, treasurer.

Father Girardot will address the men at a New Year's meeting to be held at 8 p. m., Monday, Jan. 9, when Harry Boxberger, retiring president, will preside as the installing officer.

CHRISTMAS PARTY, GIFT EXCHANGE, IS HELD BY SODALITY

Arranged for the members of St. Agnes' sodality of St. Peter's church, Fort Wayne, a Christmas party was held in the assembly room of the school, Monday night. It was given in connection with the "Activities meeting" which opened at 8 o'clock. Following it a sectional auction by the minor prefects, was in order.

The social program included theatrical numbers, games, community singing, exchange of gifts, Santa Claus surprises, and Christmas toasts. Miss Bernice Wyss, prefect of the major council, was chairman of its activities. Miss Ignatia Hoffman, sodality hostess, presided over the minor council sponsoring social events.

The Rev. Herman Joseph Miller, of St. Peter's, spiritual director of the council, attended and in his message extended the season's greetings.

LAST RITES ARE HELD FOR JAMES RYAN, 72

Funeral services for James Ryan, 72, for 50 years a cabinet maker at the Packard Piano Co., Fort Wayne, were held Saturday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Patrick's church, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph F. Delaney officiating.

Born in county Limerick, Ireland, Mr. Ryan came to Ft. Wayne at an early age. He retired as a cabinet maker five years ago. Deceased was a well known member of St. Patrick's church. Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Catherine Ryan; four daughters, Miss Emma Ryan, at home; Mrs. Kathryn Hafner; Mrs. Charles Woehner, and Mrs. Leo Herber, city; four sons, William, John, Albert and James J. Ryan, city. The demise of Mr. Ryan was preceded by a three weeks' illness.

MRS. ROBERT MILLER FT. WAYNE, SUCCUMBS

Mrs. Robert Miller, 45, of 315 East Wildwood avenue, Ft. Wayne, was found dead about 10:30 a. m., Tuesday by her husband who had been absent from the house about 20 minutes. Deceased had long been in failing health. Mrs. Miller was a member of St. Peter's church and the Christian Mothers' sodality. Surviving are the husband, Robert Miller; two sons, Robert Jr. and Jerome, both at home; the mother, Mrs. Peter Lauer; a sister, Miss Georgianna Lauer and a brother, J. H. Lauer. The funeral was held Thursday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Peter's, the Very Rev. Msgr. Charles H. Thiele, rector, officiating.

MRS. MARY HOWE, FORT WAYNE CITIZEN, CALLED

Mrs. Mary Howe, 65, died at 6:30 o'clock Sunday morning at her home, 520 Fairmount Place, after a three weeks' illness. She was born in Washington township and has resided in Fort Wayne for 40 years. Mrs. Howe was a member of the Church of the Most Precious Blood. Surviving are the husband, Nelson Howe; a son, Walter; a sister, Mrs. Christian Lamle of Auburn and two grandchildren. The funeral was held Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock from the Church of the Most Precious Blood, the Rev. Cyril Mohr, C. P. S., pastor, officiating.

NURSES' ALUMNAE PARTY IS HOLIDAY FUNCTION

Members of St. Joseph's Nurses' Alumnae association, Fort Wayne, enjoyed their annual Christmas party and gift exchange at the nurses' home Tuesday night. All members were invited to attend and they responded, bringing food and canned goods for the poor. Baskets were made up and will be distributed to the needy. During the evening games were played and luncheon served.

The party was arranged by retiring officers and entertainment committee of which Miss Margaret Flaherty was chairman. Those serving included Mrs. Ray Ankenbruck, Mrs. Frank Bougher, Miss Doris Hart, Miss Elizabeth Kell, Miss Pauline Benn, Miss Christine Zollinger and Miss Edna Hine.

MRS. JOHN SHEPHARD OF ST. PETER'S DIES

Funeral services for Mrs. John Shephard, 61, of 4141 Holton ave., who died Saturday night at St. Joseph's hospital, Fort Wayne, were held Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Peter's church, the V. Rev. Msgr. Charles H. Thiele, rector, officiating. Mrs. Shephard was born in Muskegon, Mich., and came to Fort Wayne 17 years ago. She was a member of St. Peter's church and the Christian Mothers' sodality. Surviving are the husband; a daughter, Miss Zelma Shephard of Toledo, O.; two sons, Robert and Leslie Shephard of Toledo, O.; three step-children, Mrs. E. C. Beyschley, Mrs. Mina Reefer and J. W. Shephard, all of Toledo; a brother, John Marshall of Big Rapids, Mich.; and a sister, Mrs. Harry Hand in North Dakota.

ST. JOHN'S ROSARY OFFICERS ELECTED

Bi-ennial election of officers in the Rosary society of St. John the Baptist church, Fort Wayne, resulted as follows: Mrs. Paul Zirkel, president; Mrs. William McGary, vice president; Mrs. Dale Urbine, secretary (re-elected); Mrs. Lee Hindman, treasurer. Mrs. Clem Hartman, retiring president, who has ably served for the past two years will preside as the installing officer at the next meeting which will be held shortly after Christmas. December 28 is a tentative date.

Besides installation, a Christmas party, card games and prizes, followed by serving of refreshments, are scheduled on the program arranged for members in the community room of the school.

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ELECT CATHEDRAL SODALITY STAFF AT DECEMBER MEETING

Marked by the largest attendance of the year, the December meeting, annual election of officers and Christmas party of the Blessed Virgin sodality of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, was held Monday night in the assembly room of Catholic Community center, Fort Wayne. Miss Alice Perrey, retiring president was in charge of the meeting.

Miss Delight Cronin, former secretary was elected president; Miss Mary Wigbell, vice president; Miss Genevieve Henry, secretary; Miss Phyllis Coates, treasurer; Miss Agnes Drensen and Miss Teresa Cardinali, sacristans.

Miss Ethel Zuber was chairman of the committee on entertainment, her sister, Miss Bee Zuber, impersonating Santa Claus, patron of childhood. Gifts were exchanged and later collected to be distributed to poor children.

Special numbers were given on the entertainment program. Miss Billy Haaga, of the professional stage, delighted with two vocal numbers, "Mother Machree" and "Rockaby Moon," playing her own accompaniment. Little Joan Schaefer gave an acrobatic dance, Mrs. Weaver accompanying on the piano. Billy Jean and Gloria Neiswander, accompanied by their mother, entertained with a pretty dance.

CHAIRMEN ASSEMBLE AT NOTRE DAME FOR RETREAT MEETING

George Alter, Fort Wayne, general chairman of the Fort Wayne district, and Jared J. Reed, chairman at Decatur, returned Sunday evening from the University of Notre Dame, where they attended the meeting of the chairmen of the Catholic Laymen's Retreat association. They met Saturday afternoon and Sunday forenoon with the Rev. Thomas Kearney, C. S. C., Holy Cross missionary and director of lay retreats at the University. The date of the next retreat in August 1933 and the retreatmaster will be decided by the superior of the mission band, the Rev. Richard Collentine, C. S. C., the latter part of January. Plans were promoted for the coming retreat. Fort Wayne with a delegation of 187 last August led all other groups.

Those attending the meeting included William P. Gallagher, Peru; B. L. Epka, Kokomo; Charles Toennes, John Wagner and G. E. Dahm, Lafayette; Hugh Hayes, Elkhart; William Greiner, Indianapolis; Ernest Ribordy, Laporte; A. J. Dooley, Chicago; Joseph Fitzsimmons, Buffalo, N. Y.; Father Kearney, the Rev. Joseph Hart, C. S. C., missionary and the Rev. Patrick Dolan, C. S. C., prefect of discipline and until last August a member of the mission band. Mr. Alter was accompanied by his son Eugene, who visited a cousin, Robert Lauer at Dillon hall, the latter returning to Fort Wayne Sunday for the Christmas holidays.

NEEDY TO RECEIVE AID CHRISTMAS FROM MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Preparatory for aiding the needy at Christmas in the arrangement of Christmas baskets which are to be distributed, members of the Belle Lennart Missionary society, Fort Wayne, will meet at 1:30 o'clock Friday afternoon at the home of the president, Mrs. Frank C. Graffe, 2524 Beechwood circle. Approximately 15 baskets will be arranged and besides food supplies they will contain toys for the children of the families given the baskets.

Belle Lennart society members are also remembering the aged and the Sisters of St. Francis in charge of the Old Peoples' Home at Avilla.

la. The old ladies will receive jackets, hoods, house slippers, dresses, hose, fruit and candy. For the aged men there will be a supply of clothing, tobacco, candy and fruit. The majority of the old people at Avilla have no means of support and a number have no relatives, hence the beneficence of the Fort Wayne charitable organization will be greatly appreciated.

A committee particularly active in securing the supplies is formed by Mrs. William J. Cunningham, chairman; Mrs. E. C. Olds, Mrs. Frank Ennis, Mrs. F. L. Becker and Miss Leona Puttmann.

C. C. H. S. MOTHERS' TO GIVE PARTY AT CENTER, FEBRUARY 10

Sponsored by Central Catholic High School Mothers' club, Fort Wayne, of which Mrs. John Hilker is president, a card party and dance will be given at Catholic Community center, Feb. 10. Preliminary announcements were made at the December meeting of the club held in the high school assembly room. Mrs. John Murray was named chairman of the committee on arrangements.

An address by the Rev. Michael Andrew Chapman, of the Cathedral on "The Boy and His Priest," featured the month's meeting. Mrs. Ernest J. Cutter, program chairman, presented the speaker and Mrs. Hilker was in charge of the meeting. Mrs. Rosella O'Laughlin gave the minutes of the preceding meeting and Mrs. Arthur Nomina, chairman, submitted a report on the November card party given by the Mothers' club. Under direction of Brother Mel, C. S. C., musical numbers were presented by the high school orchestra.

LEO OBERGFELL, HEAD OF HOLY NAME SOCIETY

As a result of the annual election of officers at the December meeting of the Holy Name society of St. Peter's church, Fort Wayne, held Sunday morning in the assembly room of the school, Leo Obergfell is the new head of the society. He succeeds in office Paul Redmerski. Joseph Hoog was elected vice president; Anthony J. Alt, recording secretary; Norbert Sauter, financial secretary; Norbert Gardt, treasurer.

Several new members were received into the society following 7:30 o'clock Mass at which the men received Holy Communion.

Following Holy Childhood devotions at 2 o'clock, several hundred children enjoyed their annual Christmas party in the school auditorium, where a tree was provided and Santa Claus distributed gifts.

NOTED MISSIONARY GUEST AT CATHEDRAL

En route to his headquarters in Ossining, N. Y., the Rev. William S. Kress, a prominent member of the Maryknoll Mission order and writer of several publications, was the guest on Monday of the Rev. Thomas M. Conroy, rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne. With the Rev. John Costello, now in charge of the Gary-Alderling Settlement house at Gary, Ind., Father Kress gave a very successful mission at the Cathedral several years ago.

Father Kress is returning from Hawaii. Since his last visit to Fort Wayne, he has travelled extensively, visiting China, Japan, the island of Molokai and other remote points.

PRECIOUS BLOOD MASS HOURS CHANGED JAN. 1

Announcement is made by the Rev. Cyril Hohr, C. P. S., pastor of the Church of the Most Precious Blood, Fort Wayne, that beginning on New Year's day, Sunday, January 1, the hours of the four Sunday Masses throughout the year will be as follows: 6, 7:45, 9:15 (children's Mass) and high Mass at 10:30 o'clock. The second Mass was formerly at 8 a. m.

AMENDMENT ADDED TO ALUMNI CONSTITUTION

In accordance with provisions of the constitution of Catholic Central Alumni Association a special meeting was called to decide upon an amendment to the organization's constitution. Proposal was made to increase the number of regular meetings to ten instead of only four annually as at present. The gathering which was unusually well attended agreed unanimously upon adopting the amendment. In future the organization will hold its regular meeting on the second Tuesday of each month, July and August excepted.

January eighth was selected as the date for the first annual play by members of the alumni group.

After the routine business of the evening a number of alumni entertained their fellows with vocal selections. Miss Eulalia Gribba obliged with "Because", and Mr. Elmer Stark with "Please."

Messrs. Ed. Knight, Harold Fife, John O'Malley, Wm. O'Neill, Leo de St. Aubin, and John Scherer acted as hosts in a farce of empty pageantry to the remainder of the well-pleased gathering. Mr. John Kelley, under direction of Mr. Joseph Martin, appeared in capacity of master of ceremonies for the evening. Miss Dolores Scherer presided at the piano.

Mr. Theodore Loehrke, president of the association, expressed his sentiments of appreciation on account of the very splendid turnout. Miss Agnes Morrissey is secretary of the alumni association.

"KING SAUL" BROADCAST BY TWO CHARACTERS

John G. Schultheis and Charles Snowberger, two of the characters in the original cast of the Biblical drama "King Sauls", gave an adaptation of the production over radio station WGL, Fort Wayne, at 8 p. m., Friday, Dec. 16. The program occupied 30 minutes, opening with a short description leading up to the four principal scenes.

The play is the scholarly work of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John H. Oechtering, rector emeritus of St. Mary's church, who now resides in Reisenbeck, Germany, and was produced in Fort Wayne with great success 30 years ago. Mr. Snowberger appeared in the role of "King Saul" and Mr. Schultheis cast as "David." In the adaptation by the latter Mr. Snowberger took his original role and Mr. Schultheis impersonated "Doeg," through whose cunning King Saul was defeated. About 25 persons appeared in the original cast. The drama has been given extensively at home and abroad and translated into several languages.

GREGORY LAHR NAMED HEAD OF HOLY NAME

Featured by annual election of officers, a short address by the Rev. George A. Hasser, spiritual director, entertainment by John G. Schultheis, cards and lunch, the December meeting of the Holy Name society of St. Mary's church, Fort Wayne, was held Tuesday night in the school auditorium.

Gregory Lauer, president, who was in charge of the meeting was returned to office. Others re-elected included: Joseph C. Smith, vice president; Clarence Lauer, secretary; Robert Lauer, treasurer. Consultants chosen were: Joseph Bail, Carl Ankenbruck, George Hilker, Louis Schirmeyer and August Lampke. The annual report was submitted by the secretary.

CHARLONIANS GIVE HOLIDAY PROGRAM IN PARISH HALL

St. Peter's school auditorium, Fort Wayne, was the center of an enjoyable Christmas festivity on Thursday night, Dec. 22, when the Charlionians, the young folks' social club of the parish, gave a party featured by a one-act play and gift exchange. The play entitled "A

Letter of Introduction" was capably directed by Jerome Moser. Members of the cast were Florence Hoog, Helen Mayer, Robert Deininger, Jerome Ehinger and Charles Gnau. After the play and gift exchange, refreshments were served.

Miss Hilda Mayer, social secretary, was assisted by the following committee: Vera Ehinger, Hilda Friedman, Linus Geise and Robert Koch.

ST. JOHN'S PARTY FOR PUPILS HELD IN SCHOOL ON DEC. 22

A Christmas party for the children of St. John the Baptist school, Fort Wayne, sponsored by the Ladies' Rosary society of the parish, was held in the community room of the school on Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock. An attractively decorated Christmas tree was provided and the children enjoyed a gift exchange, later receiving filled stockings for Christmas.

Under direction of the Sisters of Providence, faculty of the school, the boys and girls presented the following program expressive of the joy of the season:

Welcome—Bernelle Urbine.

Playlet—"The Old, Old Story", Grades 1 and 2.

Playlet—"What Makes Christmas?", Grades 3 and 4.

Recitation—"Christmas Bells" Grades 5 and 6.

Playlet—"Who's Christmas is This?" Robert McCahill, George Cassidy, Stanley Hench.

School Song—"S. J. S." Student Body.

Greeting to the Rev. S. Joachim Ryder, pastor—Victor Nussbaum.

Mrs. Clem Hartman, retiring president of the Rosary society, was general chairman for the Christmas party and assisting hostesses included: Mrs. George Miller, Mrs. Dale Urbine, Mrs. Orville Louthan, Mrs. Frank Monahan, Mrs. William McGary, Mrs. William Smith, Mrs. John Porter, Mrs. Harry Kroeff, Mrs. Sidney O'Connor, Mrs. Al Snyder, Mrs. Walter Jones, Mrs. Joseph Stump, Mrs. James Walzer, Mrs. Lee Hindman, Mrs. Paul Zirkel, Mrs. Perry Archer, Mrs. John Doerner, Mrs. Joseph Magers and Mrs. L. W. Wiltshire.

Following the program, Father Ryder addressed the students, extending holiday greetings. The gift distribution and frolic followed and school was dismissed for the Christmas vacation.

MEMBER OF CATHEDRAL PARISH IS SUMMONED

Mrs. Joseph Herschfelder, 52, of 1024 East Wayne st., Fort Wayne, died Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at St. Joseph's hospital after an illness of about four days. She was born and reared in Fort Wayne and was a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Surviving are the husband; a son, Raymond, at home; the mother, Mrs. Anna Doyle and two brothers, Eugene Doyle of Fort Wayne and Raymond Doyle of Hartford City. The funeral was held Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock from the Cathedral.

Bishop To Bless Cathedral Altars At Midnight Mass (Continued from Preceding Page)

In the procession of the clergy the Most Rev. Bishop will be attended by the officers of the Mass and assisting seminarians. All plans for the solemnities are under the direction of the Rev. Thomas M. Conroy, rector of the Cathedral who will be arch priest at the Mass. Services, sermon by the Bishop and music will be broadcast by radio station WOWO. Cathedral choir under direction of Prof. Roch A. Magnan, organist and choirmaster will present an elaborate musical program with accompaniment of the organ and a nine-piece orchestra. Wiegand's "Mass in Honor of St. Patrick" will be

sung and repeated at the high Mass at 10:30 a. m. at which Father Conroy gives the Christmas sermon.

Bishop Gives Throne

That all furnishings in the beautiful marble-floored sanctuary may be complete and in perfect harmony, the Most Rev. Bishop has donated a new throne which will be carved like the altars. Since time does not afford opportunity for securing and installing before Christmas, a temporary throne will be provided. An entire new lighting system has been installed in the sanctuary. Carved paneling extends around the back of the sanctuary conveying the idea of great depth. The hand carved retables of the main altar rises to a great height surmounted by a carved crucifix and statues of the Mater Dolorosa and St. John. Directly beneath in a row are the statues in wood of the twelve apostles; to the right and left of the altar facing the cross are carved statues of adoring angels. There are also statues of the great doctors of the church and two carved pictures one on each side of the niche in which the monstrance will be placed for Benediction.

There is a space between the retables and the stone and marble mensa or table with its cast bronze tabernacle providing a strictly rubrical altar. Tyrolean woodcarvers from Oberammergau were employed nearly two years in the marvelous hand carving of the main altar retables, which has a total of 32 carved statues. The work was done in Cleveland, O., for the Liturgical Art Guild. The Ecclesiastical Interiors, church furnishing concern of Waukesha, Wis., were the general contractors.

The stone mensa has tablets or inlays of marble in colors harmonizing with the decorative scheme of the frescoing and pews. Marble steps leading to the altar are topped by a platform of stone with colored designs.

The bronze tabernacle of the altar was cast in Cincinnati, O. It is 44 inches tall and 20 inches in diameter at the base, provided with a revolving floor.

The side altars are each provided with a retable of carved wood with carved panels corresponding with those on each side of the main altar. An entire new lighting system has been installed in the sanctuary affording facilities for unusual lighting effects. The marble floor is in white and tan blocks. Bronze tablets have been erected outside the sanctuary in honor of the donors of the altars and those in whose names they were presented.

Preserve Stone, Records

During the past week a venerable altar stone, probably one of the first used in the churches on the Cathedral square, was preserved in the new main altar by placing it under the southside panel. A copper box similar to those placed in cornerstones was also placed in the altar. It contains a history of the parish, of the altar and other important data. While the altar is yet to be consecrated it will be blessed before using at the Christmas Midnight Mass.

While admission to the Cathedral for Midnight Mass is not by ticket, seats will be reserved for those holding tickets. In order that every family in the parish may have representation Father Conroy announced Sunday morning that tickets would be distributed at the rectory, Tuesday morning. He stated that while the capacity of the church was unequal to accommodate all who would seek to attend at Midnight, he felt that the first duty was to arrange for the parishioners. There will be a number of unreserved seats but indications are that the number will be small. Tickets issued are Gothic in design symbolic of the architectural style of the altars.

Since all of the sanctuary furnishings have been donated Father Conroy in his announcement regarding the Christmas offerings for the orphans, stated that while the collection had always been most generous, he would ask that the parishioners make it still larger this year as an expression of appreciation of the generosity of the donors.



CATHOLIC WOMAN'S PAGE

CONDUCTED BY MARY E. MCGILL



Embers of Divine Love

Today love spreads over the land like an enveloping holocaust, brightly lighting hearts long steeped in gloom. So strong is its flame that far-reaching its warmth, many thousands dead in sin are revivified!

This great Christmas glow—embers of Divine Love—reflects happiness in the lives of the multitudes. It is preeminently a day for the people. Every human being is with gentle persistence invited to share in the bounty that the Babe of Bethlehem paradoxically distributes. Without a home, sheltered in a rough stable, shivering in a cradle of straw and warmed only by the breath of animals, the Saviour of this hard-frozen world radiates joy and promises peace and good-will to those who will welcome Him.

In holy innocence, without taint of worldly appraisements, the Divine Infant smiles graciously on the lowly and the very poor. He reaches His hands to their toil-worn ones and finds them honorable to touch. He hesitates. It is with withdrawal but meditative rest that interrupts so affectionate greeting. To be sure, He is wishing that the leaders of those less qualified to wrest from life material sustenance would provide these poorest ones with just opportunity. He shakes His baby-head at the complex problem of effecting a more equitable distribution.

The choir of angels ceases its song and the ethereal ones listen intently to words infinitely more melodious than their own.

"The social and economic order is wrong," the Infant Saviour muses. Then He sighs, "Something must be done about it. . . . His followers must restore things not only in the charity of God but in His justice."

Baby fingers clutch cold, rheumatic ones. Velvet tissue caresses rough skin. He—the cuddling Beautiful One—begot in eternity—unwelcomed by a world grown aloof because of pride. Bewilderedly the Babe reasons: "But my Holy Mother and my saintly foster-father are of royal lineage." Exultantly taunts the devil: "But you have not the habiliments of a prince. Neither have the masses—all these poor people whom you love and with whom you sympathize."

Ah, too well does the Babe of Bethlehem understand the scant consideration that proud success extends to humble station.

Heavily the Infant God breathes. The watchers think it but a deep intake of air to feed opening lungs. But the holy mother senses that He is even now grieving over those millions who are so utterly miserable, cold and hungry, numbed with pain and sorrow, that their physical eyes are frozen and unseeing and their souls unbelieving. He calls and they do not hear. He beckons and they are without vision.

The Babe's eyes reproach. But who? Surely not those deadened by too much physical deprivation and an overwhelming mental strain. No. His eyes are focused on greed, selfishness and sin!

Before we kneel to accept the Holy One's gift of divine love would it not be courteous, even prudent, for us to question ourselves:

Do we deserve His reproach? Have we compensated justly for services rendered? Are we relieving suffering humanity and the feeble cries of starving children as fully as we are able?

Someone groans: "She started off with the Christmas spirit and before the climax of joy senselessly she interposes disquieting thoughts."

Distinctly, with rushing eagerness, the answer comes:

"The right time to blend charity and justice is when the heart is liquid, not when it is congealed and mercy has been walled in."

With all my heart, though one of the least worthy of our little Lord's friends, I wish all of you on His birthday a very merry Christmas!

Dear Miss McGill:

I am seventeen years old and have been going with a boy, nineteen, for almost two years. He is not a Catholic. My parents object to him and refuse to allow me to go with him. I sneak out with him every time I can. A boy friend of ours comes after me and my folks think I have a date with him, but later I go with this other one.

This boy is a musician and he has asked me to marry him. I would if he had enough money to keep us and we were old enough. I realize what this would mean if there were any children, because he and his parents are bitter against Catholics.

Really, Miss McGill, we love each other with our whole hearts. . . . There are loads of darling, good-looking fellows in this town, who I could "date" but I don't care for anybody but him and he feels the same way about me.

Please help me. Should I break with him? . . . Don't you think you could be happy if we got married in spite of the differences in religion?

Louise.

Dear Louise:

Your letter is having attention earlier than some others because I want to answer you on Christmas day.

The little Infant Jesus is reaching His arms out to you this morning, trustingly and lovingly inviting you to hold His divinely innocent and fragrant little body to your heart. He desires that you learn from this holy contact the fragility of a baby, its dependence on its mother, and its right to an honorable inheritance and a Christian start in the world.

This Babe of Bethlehem, so angelically sweet and infinitely appealing, is also your God. The child Jesus will become the man Christ—the Saviour of weak humanity. Listen to His message to you as His baby heart throbs in sympathy with you and in pity for the dilemma in which you are placed by your altogether human affection for this nineteen year old boy. Don't think for a moment that the Infant God does not understand your temptation.

Louise, happiness even in this life is not gained by the practice of deceit nor through selfish affections. This sneaking out to see your boy friend can bring you no good. Your parents are right in objecting to his attentions, even if he were financially able to marry you and support you comfortably. You frankly state both he and his parents are bigoted, that they are bitter against Catholicism.

Be honest with yourself. What chance have you for peaceable practice of your religion after marriage? Every Sunday it will be the same old quarrel and harangue. He will want to sleep late, and he will see no reason why you should get up and go to Mass, which is nothing but a silly Catholic superstition in his eyes, anyway. He will not respect your faith nor permit you to practice it according to your conscience.

More than likely he is modernistic enough not to approve of more than one or two children to a family, if indeed, any. He might rule: "We are too poor to rear a family." Don't you see what that would mean? You say you are seventeen, but I am sure you are informed as to prevailing pagan concepts concerning marriage and its duties. If you marry this young man who dislikes Catholics and has no sympathy with their standards, he will probably make your life miserable by demanding that your actions shall not correspond with the commands of God with respect to the obligations of husband and wife. If he permitted you to have a family, he would not be willing for you to rear your little ones in the faith of their fathers. Think of the injustice that would inflict upon your own flesh and blood!

You say there are "loads of darling, good-looking fellows in this town" that you could have for friends. Evidently you are attractive. As you value your immortal soul and the souls of the children whom God may some day entrust to your care, break off this clandestine courtship and cultivate open friendships with eligible young men whom your parents can con-

scientiously welcome to your home. From one of these desirable friendships a love may spring that will bring to you true happiness.

Marriage is deeper than the mere attraction of man for woman—though this element is a part of human love. A happy marriage is only had where there is similar spiritual understanding and harmonious religious belief. Good character is essential and a unity of interests most important. Also, marriage is not only a means of satisfying longings for human affection, but it is primarily instituted for the propagation of the race and the rearing of a family in the love and fear of God.

Ah, Louise, leave off "sneaking" and trickery. Do not deceive your good parents. Have a regard for your own future happiness and remember the chief purpose of life—your soul's salvation. Death and eternity seem remote to a young girl in love. Human infatuations dim everlasting realities!

It is going to be hard for you to give up this boy. You may not love him as deeply as you think, but habit is strong, and if one grows accustomed to certain affections, sudden deprivation of the desired is a severe trial. But the joy you will gain is worth the sacrifice.

Make this sacrifice this Christmas morning. Offer it as the supreme gift to the Babe who smiles at you from His bed of straw. He was not afraid to suffer for you!

Unhappy (Michigan)
Gypsy (Virginia)
Too Quiet and Afraid to Talk—(Detroit)

All three of you girls present about the same problems. You are sensitive, self-conscious and timid. These uncomfortable characteristics make you unhappy and cause you to act without natural distinction.

Haven't you often heard a girl praised for being so sweet and unaffected? Simplicity (not stupidity) is charming. Learn to think of other people, plan for their happiness, and forget yourselves as much as possible.

Sensitivity makes a girl believe she is slighted when no such thing is intended. She is constantly getting her feelings hurt. No one likes a human touch-me-not about, for she continually creates disturbances, either by pouting, or cool withdrawals from friendly gestures, or a disconcerting lack of geniality.

Self-consciousness is regrettable in more ways than one. It makes a girl stiff and without friendly appeal. It does her an injustice, too, because her more interesting self is covered by a cloak of diffidence.

Timidity is a twin sister to self-consciousness. In the very young it may have an element of charm, but as a girl grows into young womanhood she should endeavor to acquire poise and a degree of confidence. At least she should respect herself and invite the esteem of others because of her worth. You have the form of self-depreciation that is crippling. Your letter indicates it.

Miss Sensitive, may I suggest that you deliberately set about anticipating kindnesses and consideration. Do not take offence from your friends unless it is "as plain as the nose on your face" that they wanted to hurt you. (I hope your nose isn't unduly prominent, or you will be hurt by my quotation, thinking it was aimed at you—and I have never seen you, my dear—just an illustration of an over-sensitive attitude). Even if you are sure that you have been criticized unjustly or slighted without reason, try to control yourself and meet ill-manners with an equitable temper. It is far better to overlook an intended slight than to take up something that was innocently said and thus alienate a friend.

You can combat your sensitivity by not being so self-centered. Think of others and determine to keep shy of too much introspection. Not one of us is as important to our neighbor as we are inclined to imagine. To fancy that all eyes are turned our way is sheer egotism. Learn to be interested in your friends and you will not incur so many hurts to your vanity.

Miss Self-Conscious, cultivate your mind, read good literature,

and keep posted on current events. If you have a mental storehouse from which you may requisition interesting topics of conversation, you will speak with calm assurance and take your rightful place in your social circle.

Miss Timidity, do like the baby who gingerly attempts to walk. Cautiously take the first step, then another. Do this each day until you have acquired a degree of confidence. You will never get far in this hard old world unless you learn how to stand on your two feet and look it in the face with honest eyes that fearlessly challenge honorable recognition. This sort of fearlessness does not connote boldness. It indicates character, a developed will, and self-respect.

Why should you be so timid? God is with you. He is your protector and your father. You are His child. Walk serenely in His presence and be not afraid of His creatures. But because they are His children see them as your brothers and sisters, members of your family, and love them as such. As you extend your good-will and friendliness, so will they return to you warmth and good-nature.

I am wishing for all three of you a very merry Christmas. A Christmas of spiritual joy and peace and a full measure of human gaiety and happiness.

Dear Miss McGill:

Our Catholic Woman's Page promises to be very interesting and helpful. Like "One of the Home Lovers" I shall also anxiously await a reply as to whether or not you will offer comment each week on some literary matter. If your decision is yes, will it mean that we may ask you your opinion on the latest fiction, etc.? I do hope so.

For example: I have read reviews in secular papers that — books were fascinating and excellent reading, particularly, — A couple of this author's books were read by the writer and to me they were, to say the least, very disgusting and sordid. Not knowing any experienced person to ask their opinion, I have often wondered if I am too particular and critical.

L. H. (Canada.)

PRAYER IN AFFLICTION

Keep me from bitterness. It is so easy
To nurse sharp, bitter thoughts
Each dull, dark hour!
Against self-pity, Man of Sorrows,
defend me
With Thy deep sweetness and Thy gentle power!

And out of all this hurt of pain
and heartbreak
Help me to harvest a new sympathy
For suffering humankind, a wise pity
For those who lift a heavier cross
with Thee!

—Violet Allyn Story.
(In the "Times," New York.)

**To End a Cough
In a Hurry, Mix
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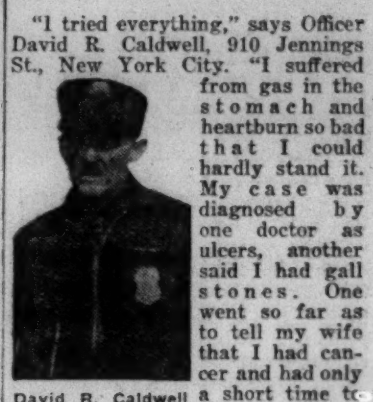
Millions of housewives have found that, by mixing their own cough medicine, they get a purer, more effective remedy. They use a recipe which costs about one-fourth as much as ready-made medicine, but which really has no equal for breaking up obstinate coughs.

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Stomach Disorders Threaten His Life, Says N. Y. Officer



"I tried everything," says Officer David R. Caldwell, 910 Jennings St., New York City. "I suffered from gas in the stomach and heartburn so bad that I could hardly stand it. My case was diagnosed by one doctor as ulcers, another said I had gall stones. One went so far as to tell my wife that I had cancer and had only a short time to live. I suffered much agony and lost weight until one day I saw an advertisement in the New York Daily News, by the Udga Co., St. Paul, Minn. I wrote for their treatment and thanks be to God I did, for today I am a different man. I have no pain, can eat anything and I am getting back to my normal weight."

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Acid Stomach Afflicts Millions

Hyperacidity (acid stomach), is, as every physician can tell you, the curse of millions. It is the most common cause of stomach or gastric ulcers as well as many other distressing conditions and there are comparatively few adults who can truly say it has never troubled them. In addition to stomach ulcers, acid stomach is often the direct cause of gas pains, dyspepsia, poor digestion, pains after eating, bloating, belching, gnawing pains, heartburn, gastritis, sour stomach, constipation, etc.

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SOUTH BEND DISTRICT NEWS

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A "Christmas Cabaret" will be staged for the members of the Immaculate Heart of Mary sodality in St. Stanislaus' auditorium Thursday evening, December 29th, in connection with their annual yuletide party. An exchange of gifts will take place. The committee in charge, headed by Miss Monica Gorka, sodality president, have arranged for a meeting to complete plans for the affair. Others on the committee are Misses Marie Zbierska, Clementine Klotz, Bertha Mroczkiewicz, Clementine Radecka, Isabel Robakowska, Severine Slomska and Helen Cwidak.

A banquet was given Thursday evening, December 15th, in Our Lady of Hungary auditorium for the church trustees and the members of the Junior Holy Name society who worked on the newly installed bowling alleys in the parish building. Michael Kish presided. About twenty-five persons attended.

"Herod's Dancer," a Polish Christmas play in three acts, will be staged this evening in St. Hedwige's hall by the students of St. Hedwige's high school and the Glee club. The production is under the direction of Sister M. Agneta and Sister M. Severina, principal, and Louis Woodka. Miss Virginia Gierzynska, as Egypt, will carry the title role. Miss Carrie Kapsa will take the part of the Blessed Virgin and Miss Gertrude Lepkowska the part of St. Joseph. The three wise men of the East will be represented by the Misses Valeria Stasinska, Wanda Kil and Clementine Radecka. The Misses Ruth Hazinska, Estelle Grzegorek, Irene Kurek and Mary Fabiszak complete the cast. The freshmen girls will form the angels' choir and the Glee club will sing "Silent Night, Holy Night."

Thirty tables were filled Wednesday evening, December 14th, at a bunco party in St. Hedwige's hall sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul and St. Boniface's societies numbers 79 and 834, of the Polish Roman Catholic Union. Mrs. Martha Wencław won the door prize. Mrs. Sophia K. Luzna was hostess. Proceeds from the affair will be used for the purchase of Christmas gifts for the members of the juvenile orders of both societies. The kiddies' party will be staged Monday afternoon, January 2nd, in St. Hedwige's hall.

The Women's Apostleship of Prayer was host to one hundred guests Wednesday evening, December 14th, in St. Stanislaus' auditorium at a card and bunco party. Twenty-five tables were filled and thirty prizes were awarded. Mrs. S. Jablonska won the door prize. The committee in charge of the affair consisted of Mrs. Hattie Lisek, chairman; Mrs. Elizabeth Trok, secretary, and Mrs. Theophila Kurdys, treasurer.

Miss Nell Heiser was re-elected grand regent of Our Lady of Victory, No. 1086, Catholic Daughters of America, at the election held Monday evening, December 12th, in the Knights of Columbus home. Mrs. Joseph Sullivan and Miss Mary White were chosen trustees for the next three years and Mrs. Katherine Drum for the next year. The Most Rev. John Francis Noll, bishop of Fort Wayne diocese, sanctioned the appointment of the Rev. John J. O'Rourke as chaplain of the local court. Following the election a pound party was held. Plans were completed to assist the Rev. George O'Connor in the annual Christmas party.

The Choir at St. Patrick's Church, South Bend, is putting on the finishing touches for the Christmas music and preparing for further programs outside the

church during the holiday season. The choir celebrated the feast of the Immaculate Conception not only in their own church but had the privilege and pleasure of singing a cantata the "Mater Christi" in Holy Ghost chapel at St. Mary's college.

The choir will sing Christmas carols at the Rotary club luncheon held at the Oliver Hotel Wednesday, December 21st, which is the last meeting before Christmas.

Friday, December 30th, the choir will sing at Healthwin Hospital, the St. Joseph's County Tuberculosis Hospital. The program will be made mostly of Christmas Carols and Motets.

The Choir, consisting of forty-five voices, is under the very able direction of Willard L. Groom. The officers are as follows: the Rev. Joseph Maguire, C. S. C., Honorary President; William J. Furey, President; Marie P. O'Brien, secretary-treasurer, and John Staunton, librarian.

MISHAWAKA

Mrs. Fred Hums was elected new prefect of St. Joseph's Rosary circle number twelve at a meeting Monday, December 12th, in the home of Mrs. Charles Marsh, 739 East Third street. Card favors were awarded to Mrs. August Monhaut and Mrs. Hums. The next meeting will be held on January 11th, in the Hums' residence on East Third street.

Mrs. Peter Schumacher, 323 W. Fourth street, entertained circle number one of St. Joseph's Rosary society on Tuesday evening, Dec. 13th. At bridge high scores were made by Mrs. Gertrude Clauss and Mrs. Charles Futter. Bunco prizes went to Mrs. Hilda Byers and Mrs. Christiana Gumm. The next meeting will be held January 11th, in the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Stoeckinger, 327 West Fourth street.

Mrs. Simon Ganser, 718 East Fifth street, was hostess to St. Joseph's Rosary circle number ten at a Christmas party Thursday, December 15th. After a gift exchange, bunco was played and prizes went to Mrs. Commodore Beecraft and Mrs. Joseph Ernst. The next meeting will be held on January 11th.

The 1932 staff of officers was unanimously reelected at a general meeting of St. Joseph's Rosary society Wednesday night, December 14th, in the school hall. Mrs. Gertrude Clauss will again serve as president; Mrs. Marie Hoerstman, vice president; Mrs. Antoinette Robinson, secretary, and Mrs. Marie Kaylor, treasurer. A pound party for indigent families also was held.

At a recent meeting of the Children of Mary Sodality of St. Bavo's church, officers were elected for the coming year. Miss Pauline Miller was elected president; Miss Madeline De Bruyne, vice-president; Miss Alice Van de Putte, Secretary, and Miss Elsie De Keiser, Treasurer.

Installation of the new officers will take place at the January 2nd meeting.

St. Bavo's Altar Society held their annual election of officers Sunday afternoon, December 11th. Officers elected were as follows: Mrs. Agnes Miller, president; Mrs. Leontine Dutoi, vice president; Mrs. Irma Van de Voorde, secretary; Mrs. Elvira Taeghon, treasurer. Mrs. Alice Himscoot was appointed Marshal; auditing and the sick committees were also appointed.

The next meeting will take place Sunday afternoon, January 8, 1933, at which time the new officers will be installed.

Mrs. Lucien Philion, 402 East Broadway, entertained Circle No. 1 of St. Monica's Rosary Society on Thursday, Dec. 15th, in her home. The evening was spent pleasantly at bridge and bunco.

High scores were made by Mrs. George Bickel, Miss Estelle Harrington, Mrs. Ralph Gardner, Miss Matilda Kielman and the house prize was won by Mrs. Bernard Muinch. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Anthony Van der Heyden on December 29th.

A Christmas party was held for the members of St. Monica's Rosary society at the church auditorium on Thursday evening, Dec. 22. Each member made a donation for a Christmas basket to be given to the needy. The evening was spent in bridge and a dainty lunch was served by the committee.

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"J" CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Twenty-four members of the "J" club and eighteen children were entertained Tuesday evening, December 13, at the Community Center at the Club's annual Christmas party. The children ranged in age from 11 months to 7 years. The place was decorated in the usual Christmas fashion with a large tree in the living room and colored stars suspended from the lights in the other rooms. During a short business session, it was reported that a cash gift was given, to a needy family. The regular club prize went to Mary Duehmig. Santa Claus appeared about 8:30 bringing toys for the children and gifts for the members. Refreshments were served in the dining room, where a clever color scheme was carried out in red and white. Red candles lighted the tables, and red pop-corn balls were given as favors. The next meeting will be in two weeks with Miss Mary Nye, 117 Pacific street. Ruth Oakes will be assistant hostess. Children present were: Catherine Murray, Josephine and Mary Nye, Frederick Nye, Alice Aman, Betty Joan Ferris, Richard Trecklo, Marcheta James, Margaret Ernst, Mary Bickel, Junior Decio, Alfred Colagrossi, Joseph Pindell, Jane Pindell, Bob Hosler and Richard Hosler. Miss Ellen Moorhouse had charge of the arrangements assisted by Luella Newcomb, Mary Newcomb, and Mary Murray.

MICHELE CAMPANELLO

Michele Campanello, 38, who came to Elkhart from Italy at the age of 18 and embarked in the grocery business 12 years ago, died

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Most Reverend and dear Bishop:

I have just read your beautiful CHRISTMAS LETTER, and my reaction to it is partly registered in the check which is enclosed. Please accept it as the University's gift to the orphans, and ask the dear children to remember us occasionally in their prayers.

You have been so close to us that anything like formal expressions of duty and loyalty on our part would hardly seem in order. Once in a while, though, we like to tell you how deeply we appreciate your official goodness as well as your personal interest in us.

With the affectionate regards of all Notre Dame, and with good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am,

Your humble servant in Christ,
CHAS. L. O'DONNELL,
President.

at 5:50 Monday morning, December 12, at his home, 1005 S. Third st.

The funeral services were held at 9 a. m. Wednesday. The Rev. E. G. Werling had charge of the ceremony and the burial took place in the parish cemetery.

ALTAR SOCIETY CARD PARTY

Division No. 1 had charge of a card party which was given Friday evening, Dec. 16. There were eight tables in play. High score prizes went to Mrs. Oliver Borger and Mrs. Lewis Miller. Refreshments were served by the committee consisting of Mrs. Margaret Butler, Mrs. Helen Foy, Mrs. Marguerite Cox, Mrs. Margaret Baon, Mrs. Irene Petgen, Mrs. Margaret La Brie.

2 Chinese Pagan Boys Baptize Baby Cousin

Kaying, China. — Two little pagan boys who attend the school of the Maryknoll Missionaries at Shak Chin, Kwangtung, while at home recently on vacation, baptized their little baby cousin who was dying. Questioned afterwards by the priest as to the matter and form they used and as to the intention they had in conferring Baptism, they were found to be correct in every detail.

In telling the Rev. Patrick Malone, of Brooklyn, N. Y., pastor at Shak Chin, what they had done, they said that they wanted their baby cousin to go to Heaven. They themselves are now studying in preparation for baptism.

David Goldstein Plans Public Talks In South

Augusta, Ga.—David Goldstein, popularly known as "the lay apostle to the man in the street," and his associate, Theodore H. Dorsey of Baltimore, who studied for the Protestant Episcopal ministry before his conversion to Catholicism, will open a winter series of public lectures in the South, early in 1933.

According to plans announced here, Mr. Goldstein and Mr. Dorsey will begin with lectures at St. Augustine, Fla., on Sunday, January 8, and before completing their work will go into various sections of the Dioceses of St. Augustine, Mobile and Raleigh.

Although he had made his fortune by a fluke, he considered himself a kingfish and liked to hear people call him a shark. For a while he had a whale of a time and thought the world was his oyster. One day his fortunes turned turtle and he began to flounder. Shown up weak, he is now merely an old crab.

Noted Catholic Daily's 50 Years of Achievement Told by Aide of Founder

Paris.—The golden jubilee of the great Catholic daily, La Croix, and also the centenary of the birth of its founder, the Rev. Vincent Paul Bailly, of the Augustinian of the Assumption, occasioned brilliant celebration in which all Catholic France participated.

The festivities, which brought warm message of felicitation from His Holiness Pope Pius XI, were attended by the Apostolic Nuncio the Cardinal Archbishop of Paris seven Archbishops, six Bishops, 1 Vicars General, and personal representatives of practically every member of the French Hierarchy.

All the Catholic associations, great many French journals, all religious Orders sent representative to show their gratitude to a paper which has defended them untiringly and their fraternal interest in its founders, the Augustinians of the Assumption.

Even the diplomatic corps participated. Many legations were represented at the banquet table, a fact that accentuated the general character of the homage rendered the great accomplishment in the realm of journalism which was being celebrated.

"Do you call that a veal cutlet?" he demanded of the waiter. "What such a cutlet is an insult to even self-respecting calf in the country."

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AROUND THE WORLD

Brief Selections of Important Catholic News

The Need of The Day Is Good-Will

"There is not much of good-will in the world today. There would be no hostilities, no jealousies, no cultivated misunderstandings, no widening breaches between nations, no thundering growls, no rumors of war or no actual war if good-will existed.

"The world is a sorry place today; its affairs are in a sorry mess, and there is a sorry outlook, all because of the lack of good-will. The world is running to red ruin under its sheer competition and flaming selfishness, and the humblest among us is under indictment.

"Good-will is a term of personal relations, and personal relations are a sign of national and international relations. The greatest need of the world today is the recovery of lost, vanished good-will, which means the recovery of God, the author of good-will. The world needs the good-will of God. We shall never, never make our individual contribution to the recovery of the world from its sickness until we individually practice good-will. With the good-will of God all life is glorified. There is no greater word you can find between the covers of your Bible than the word 'good-will.'—The Rev. Dr. J. Stuart Holden, rector of St. Paul's Church, London.

Pope Plans A Visit To Summer Home

ROME.—Work on the papal summer home at Castel Gandolfo is nearing the point where Pope Pius is expected to pay a visit of inspection, probably late this month or early in January. It will be a visit which will have historic importance in view of the fact that no Pope has been outside Rome since before 1870. However, Pope Pius is not expected to take up residence or even to stay overnight until the Feast of the Assumption on August 15.

It is the Villa Barberini, once Emperor Domitian's palace and later reconstructed for Pope Urban VIII, which is being completely transformed and redecored. Magnificent gardens and terraces are being laid out, and it is in a corner of these grounds near the village of Albano that the Pope now has his farm, which might well serve as a model of all that a modern scientific farm should be.

One approaches the central group of buildings through olive groves, trellised vines and meadows dotted with twenty-five beehives. One steps into a space surrounded on three sides with new buildings of brown stucco. On the left is the barn, now crammed with hay, and next to it are two silos. To the right is a stable for horses, now empty, but which will be filled with the finest breeds obtainable.

In the centre is the dairy, now going full swing, supplying the Vatican every day with milk, butter and cheese. Inside one sees twenty-eight cows, all evenly matched, brown in color. All the walls are of blue tile, and the ceilings are painted blue in accordance with the new theory that flies do not like blue.

There are arrangements to milk the cows electrically and to make cream, butter and cheese. There are refrigerators, sterilizers and automatic bottles, all in the latest models, chiefly from Stockholm.

The Pope has arranged everywhere to bring the best of the world to his farm. One of two breeds of chickens, for instance, hundreds of which are to be seen walking around in neat enclosures or roosting in their painted coops, come from the United States. So do the automatic feeders for them.

Overseeing the farm, furnishing the Vatican daily with milk, butter and produce and keeping every-

thing spotlessly clean against the day the Pope will come to take possession is a manager from the Pope's own district in Lombardy, Mario Casali.

New 'White List' Of Books Is Issued

The Catholic "white list" of books, officially known as the Catholic Book Survey, which is made quarterly, selects from the mass of books published those titles that are considered by a group appointed by Cardinal Hayes to be worthy of recommendation. The group is known as the Cardinal's literature committee. This is the seventh list offered.

The qualifications for listing in the catalogue are three: that the book "must be worthy of mature intelligence," that it "must not offend the Christian sense of truth and decency," that it must "bear the marks of good literary craftsmanship."

Titles are not limited to the work of Catholic authors.

The list of selected fiction follows:

Fiction
 Farewell, Miss Julie Logan, by James M. Barrie (New York: Scribner).
 The Postmaster General, by Hilaire Belloc (Philadelphia: Lippincott).
 Secret Lives, by E. F. Benson (Garden City: Doubleday, Doran).
 Peking Picnic, by Ann Bridge (Boston: Little, Brown).
 For the Delight of Antonio, by Beatrice Curtis Brown (Boston: Houghton Mifflin).
 Toward Romance, by Rollo W. Brown (New York: Coward-McCann).
 Pageant of Life, by Owen Francis Dudley (New York: Longmans, Green).
 The Collected Works of Michael Fairless (New York: Dutton).
 Charmian, Lady Vibart, by Jeffrey Farnol (Boston: Little, Brown).
 The Anxious Days, by Philip Gibbs (Garden City: Doubleday, Doran).
 Wee Drappies, by Sir Harry Lauder (New York: McBride).
 The Shadow Flies, by Rose Macaulay (New York: Harper).
 Peninsula Place, by Ian Mackail (Garden City: Doubleday, Doran).
 Beyond the Blue Sierra, by Honore Malcom Murray (New York: Appleton).
 Wings Over Poland, by Kenneth Williams Morrow (New York: Morrow).
 The Roving Eye, by Humphrey Parkington (New York: Norton).
 The Tenth Moon, by Dawn Powell (New York: Farrar & Rinehart).
 The Fortnight in September, by R. C. Sheriff (New York: Stokes).
 Wanton Mally, by Booth Tarkington (Garden City: Doubleday, Doran).
 The Tudor Wench, by Ellsworth Thane (New York: Brewer, Warren & Putnam).
 Three Fevers, by Leo Walmsley (New York: Knopf).
 Tudor Sunset, by Mrs. Wilfred Ward (New York: Longmans, Green).
 The Life and Adventures of Aloysius O'Callaghan, by T. Washington Metcalf (New York: Morrow).
 Idler's Gate, by John Winch (New York: Morrow).

Finds No Conflict of Science, Religion

PASADENA, Cal.—"There is no conflict between the Bible and scientific teachings," said the Jesuit priest, Abbe Le Maitre, professor of relativity at the University of Louvain and pioneer in the theory of the expanding universe.

"All problems in life can be solved either by religion or science," but not with both combined.

"One common mistake is to attempt scientific problems by religion and religious problems by science. Each must be solved in the field in which it arises."

Vatican Plans Two Canonizations

VATICAN CITY.—Next year will almost certainly see two canonizations and a number of beatifications here, according to reports. These are expected to occur in May and June, except for some beatifications which are not likely before the end of the year.

Beatus Andria Uberto Fournet founder of the Congregations of the Daughters of the Cross, who was beatified by Pope Pius in 1926, is expected to be canonized. Another probable canonization is that of Beatus Giovanni Bosco, founder of the Salesian order.

Nine are being mentioned for probable beatification.

Pope Reorganizing Vatican Civil Rule

VATICAN CITY.—After three years' experience in governing Vatican City, the Pope has decided to reorganize the present civil administration.

His chief object is to simplify the government, placing the main responsibility in the hands of Count Franco Ratti, the Pope's nephew.

The present government consists of Governor Marchese Serafini, aided by a Counsellor General and Secretary General. They have seven departments under them—Administration, Technical Services, Public Works, Communications, Sanitary Service, Museums and Public Security. It is now intended to reduce these to three—Art, Administration and Technical Service—and coordinate them under a council formed of the heads of those sections, over which Count Ratti will preside.

The Pope's nephew is at present director of the technical office in charge of the important electric and hydraulic works of Vatican City. Governor Serafini will continue to represent the King of Italy and the Vatican State in international relations, certain legislative functions and at ceremonies.

Count Franco Ratti will serve without pay. He is only 34 years old but the Pope has previously tested his experience as a technical director of Vatican City.

State Chamber Gives Prizes to Essayists

NEW YORK CITY.—The Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York awarded 218 prizes to pupils of the city's public and parochial schools for essays on the subject, "Why has New York become the metropolis of our country and how can I help its future development?" More than 250,000 children competed in the eleventh annual contest, sponsored by the chamber, with the aid of a fund created by the late A. Barton Hepburn, former president of the organization and of the Chase National Bank.

Parents and children crowded the chamber's auditorium at 65 Liberty Street to hear three of the first-prize winners read their essays. The three were Mary Kane, seventeen years old, of Eastern District High School, Brooklyn; Florence McBreen, also seventeen, of Our Lady of Wisdom Academy, Queens, and Charlotte Gindell, thirteen, of Junior High School 10, the Bronx. The two older girls received awards of \$25 each, Miss Gindell \$20.

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CHRISTMAS PLEADINGS

Sweet Jesus, in the manger,
 Three gifts I beg of Thee.
 And hope that on this Christmas,
 You will grant them unto me.

Teach me to Pray, Sweet Jesus,
 At morning, noon and night,
 To pray in times of trouble,
 But more, when things go right.
 And Sorrow, Sweetest Jesus,
 To feel the wrong I do,
 To know the pains, the heartaches,
 I'm bringing unto You.

To Persevere, Sweet Jesus,
 Until this life is o'er,
 From out those chubby little hands,
 What could I ask for more?

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We must believe in divine revelation because unaided reason would fail to give man an adequate knowledge of God, of himself and his fellowmen. This is evident if one studies the history of the pagan nations before the coming of Christ. Jesus Christ was the answer to the world's need for a divine, infallible revelation. He taught men clearly the purpose of their existence, the nature of God, His love for men, the divine meaning of suffering and temptation, the malice of sin and the need of repentance. What Christ revealed His Church now teaches.

It would not be better for our faith to be based on truths which could be arrived at by unaided reason, because faith and reason are helpful to each other. Reason gives a foundation so that we are not asked to believe blindly truths which are absolutely unknowable, and it also furnishes strong proofs of the content of divine revelation. Faith, as Cardinal Newman says, "furnishes facts to the other sciences, which those sciences, left to themselves, would never reach; and it invalidates apparent facts, which left to themselves, they would imagine."

Mystery is in no way confined to religion. There are countless facts of the sciences which we cannot understand yet believe readily only because we are told, not by God, but by a scientist, that they are true.

Our belief in the mysteries of religion is not a blind belief, but a perfectly reasonable assent which is based on the

authority of God Who has revealed them to us.

I am a non-Catholic, but I receive and read your paper weekly. I wonder if you will explain how God can forgive a person for a grave sin which he has committed and yet reserve punishment for that sin. Does not forgiveness imply freedom from punishment?

When God forgives us for having committed grave sins He merely forgives the eternal punishment due to those sins and not the temporal punishment. In other words, we escape the eternal punishment of hell, but are required to make some atonement for the sins. This atonement, or temporal punishment, can be made either in this world, by acts of self-denial, prayers and good works, or in Purgatory after we have departed from this world. Full forgiveness does imply freedom from punishment, but the Church clearly states that only the eternal punishment due to mortal sins is forgiven in the sacrament of Penance.

Who is the author of a continued article which appeared in three issues of OUR SUNDAY VISITOR during the month of July and which was entitled "Some Sidelights on Education"?

The author of this article is William A. Luby of Kansas City. A mistake was made in giving credit for this article and it was printed under the name of John instead of William Luby.

When was the Carmelite Order organized and by whom?

The Carmelites were organized in the year 1151 by St. Berthold, a Franciscan Crusader.

SELF-APPOINTED BROADCASTERS

You have discovered, no matter how, the guilty secret of someone in your neighborhood. Outwardly that person seems to behave no differently than any other good person in your community.

It may not be anything for which they could be prosecuted in a court of law, but you are flushed with indignation that they can be the whited sepulchre they are. You feel it your duty to tell discreetly what you know about them, trusting to public opinion to punish them adequately.

The public welfare of any community is administered by police and judges appointed by the community. If anything is criminal or against public policy the remedy is with the duly constituted authorities. By what right do you set yourself up as the arbiter of the welfare of your community, to achieve justice in an underhand way?

The well-springs of human behavior are well nigh fathomless and have baffled more capable authorities than you are. If men skilled in the functioning of the mind and soul confess themselves baffled, what assurance have you that your own diagnosis of the guilty one is correct?

If in a court of law many eye-witnesses to a happening still can disagree, how can you alone be infallible? Even an animal, dumb brute as it is, could never descend so low in the social scale as a human being intent upon blackening the character and ruining the good name of another of human-kind.

Few sins produce results of such appalling magnitude as the spreading of scandal. The history of nations and the smallest community proves this. Keep in mind that the malicious spreading of scandalous gossip is a grievous sin, no matter whether what is told is true.

The ends of justice are not served by petty desires for revenge, however admirably conceived you think they are to set a bad situation right. Even children hate a snitch, and men are only children of a larger growth.

Why not be just, and assume that in their privacy with their God the person you condemn may have an entirely different story to tell?

Finally, why not analyze your own motives?

Perhaps you may not know that modern psychology in its intensive research has coined very ugly names for such as you. You may be one of those abnormal human types who secure pleasure from the infliction of pain upon others.

You may have high-blood pressure, one reaction from which is the nervous wish to escape ourselves and meddle with others. High-pressure, doctors tell us, is a sign that one's mental and bodily habits need correcting.

You never thought of it in that way, did you? You see, it isn't all as simple as it seemed to be. It is hard to wield the blackening brush without becoming blackened ourselves.

We humans are a gregarious race, and kindly gossip occupies a deservedly large share in our daily lives. It is what places us above the level of brute creation. "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us," places the matter of another's

behavior squarely in God's hands, where it belongs.

Brother Christopher.

O. S. V. Outlook

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THE HOUSE OF BREAD.

Bethlehem, which, as we have said, means the House of Bread, suggests the Eucharist, as also does the Mass, in which it is prepared. At the last meeting of our Savior with all the Apostles before He died He instituted the Holy Eucharist, by which He would be "the living Bread come down from Heaven", by which He would be enabled to unite Himself with every human person as He united Himself with a single human nature in the Incarnation.

THE GLORY OF CATHOLICS.

Only those who have the Holy Eucharist, who have the Mass, to whose souls "Christ the Lord" becomes intimately united by a personal union, can enjoy Christmas as it should be enjoyed. How privileged are Catholics! How grateful they should ever be!

THE MESSAGE OF THE ANGELS

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men. Painters, sculptors, poets and philosophers have exhausted their genius and their skill in seeking to interpret its appealing beauty and to depict the contrasting colors of the human and the divine that play upon the scene.

Like an old melody, the story of the Babe of Bethlehem, never palls but grows with each repetition more endearing to the hearts of men. Year after year it continues to make its age-old appeal to new generations of the children of men.

Upon the ears of a world that has been forgetful of God in its frantic pursuit of the elusive god of Mammon there sounds again this Christmas morning the song of the angels, first sung over the hill-sides of Bethlehem: "Glory to God in the highest." Into the conscience of a world, sick unto death with hatred, war, strife and bloodshed there steals upon this feast of the Babe of Bethlehem, the refrain of the angels: "Peace on earth to men of good-will."

The far-reaching import of the celestial message is thus beautifully portrayed by H. W. Cole:

Shepherds there were who in the fields by night
Kept watch, not wishing that a chorus bright
Of angels would to them the news convey—

The dawning of the world's most potent day.
Countless the nights of darkness and of fear
The world has watched through, but the message clear
Of prophets, martyrs, saints, and poets brought
The healing word for which it blindly sought.

Visions from God—through men must come the word,
Till the whole earth to action deeply stirred
From war and dread and hatred wins release,
And hails once more as King the Prince of Peace.

May the whole wide world heed the message that comes to us from the angelic hosts this Christmas day!

ON CHRISTMAS EVE LONG AGO

It was after dusk in Bethlehem
When St. Joseph knocked at the hostel door,
And was told by the busy inn-keeper
We have no room for the poor.

Out to the edge of the city he went
To a lonely cattle-shed,
A shelter from the wintry winds
And clean straw for Mary's bed.

Shepherds were told by the angels
To go into Bethlehem,
Where they would find the Child
and His mother

And a bright star guided them.
Angelic beings with snow-white wings
Looked in through the open door,
And the humble shepherds in wonder knelt,
The Christ Child to adore.

—Elizabeth A. Johnson.

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EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

What is the meaning of the eighth Commandment?
The eighth Commandment obliges us to respect our neighbor's reputation.

What is the difference between character and reputation?

Character is what we really are. Reputation is what people think we are.

Has a person with a bad character a right to a good reputation?

Every person has a right to a good reputation regardless of character, unless it be already publicly lost.

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PLAY, "OH, PROFESSOR,"
BY NURSES, JANUARY 12

On January 12, 1933, the St. Margaret nurses are to begin the new year by presenting their annual play at the Athenaeum hall, 44 Russell street, Hammond. Both matinee and evening performances are to be given.

"Oh Professor," a farce in three acts, by Katherine Kavanaugh, has been chosen as their presentation. Rehearsals are now under way at the nurses' home under the direction of the Rev. J. M. Nickels.

The cast includes: Jake, the school janitor, John Toth; Miss Frederica, assistant to the dean, Corinne Leedke; Dr. Aristotle, the dean, Dr. J. Young; Fluff, student, Alice Morton; Bertha, student, Mary Louise May; Belle, student, Ethel Mae Gilbert; Jean, student, Hazel Lauger; Michael Pemberton, returning from Paris, Matt Zeller; Professor Percival Courtwright, Richard Downs; Jimmy Anderson, in need of a friend, Emmet Breen; Patricia Patterson, also returning from Paris, Mildred Hutchinson; Mlle. Fifi belonging to Paris Margaret, Joan Ferris.

Tickets are on sale at the Hospital and nurses' home.

SACRED PAGEANT MARKS
CLOSE OF SCHOOL

Like the passing of a long procession has been the seasonal march of the four weeks of Advent so-called, preceding the dawn of the altruistic feast of Christmas. Once during the year, at this particular time of Yuletide, a world of selfish, self-centered, and self-seeking folks pauses to remember its neighbor in a spirit of altruism.

Caught by the universal inspiration of making others happy, people vie in the making of presents. For this very reason the spell of the story of Christ's nativity exerts a special charm over the minds of youth, which is by nature itself endowed with a spirit of greater liberality and generosity than old age.

FRESHMEN IN
LEADING ROLES

At Catholic Central High School, Hammond, Freshmen, assisted by members of the upper classes, are joining in the full-toned organ rolls and in the glorious peals of bells that will shortly announce the 1932 anniversary of Christ at Bethlehem in the land of Judah. Sweet-voiced choristers singing sacred anthems to the festive accompaniment of appropriate orchestration have charmed their audience through rendition of an excellent and well-executed program.

"The Great Deliverer" has received fine interpretation through the joined efforts of the school glee club and orchestra directed by the Rev. Richard Grunenberg. This performance of Thursday evening marked the opening of the Christmas holidays at the local school. Vacation will end on the morning of January third.

HONORABLE MENTION
ACCORDED PUPILS

In connection with the Christmas cantata, eighty-two names of pupils were cited for honors either in scholastic or athletic proficiency. All of these individuals have been awarded significant emblems and monograms in recognition of their high achievement.

Together with these names there appears a list of various pupils, who have maintained previously established records of distinguished attainment. The following are maintaining an average of 92% in all of their work: Betty Beckman, Regina Brown, Vione Hanon, Bernard Makowski, June Menning, Gertrude Mundt, Thomas Radigan,

and Noreen Sullivan. Maintaining a grade of 87% are: Donald Backe, Emma Benchik, Ladis Bogusz, Annette Broz, Marie Fleck, Stephanie Guberis, Catherine Hanon, Catherine Hap, C. Kicak, S. Kona, F. Hosinski, Rosemary Mund, Catherine O'Keefe, Dorothy Pawlawczyk, Anna Perinovac, Bernadette de St. Aubin, P. Simkovich, Anna Simala, Genevieve Sperka, J. Stanicz, A. Wosniak, A. Zimmerman and Irene Zolkas.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL-
HAMMOND TECH IN
INTRACITY GAME

Intracity cage warfare will be put on tap in Hammond Friday night of this week when the Foreign Legion of Catholic Central collides on its home floor with the Tigers of Hammond Tech in the first of a two-game series.

Teams of the two high schools met on the maples for the first time last year. In both encounters Hammond Tech took the decision over Catholic Central. The initial contest took place in the Washington school gym, and the Tigers strutted their stuff before a home crowd to the extent of a 39-19 victory.

But when the Gold and Brown snipers made an invasion of the Blue and Gray camp, they found that the charges of Coach Sammy Polizzotto were a stubborn foe to beat. And they scarcely eked out a 19-16 win, earning their margin of victory on free throws after the Legionnaires outshot them from the field, 7 to 6.

With an inexperienced squad to launch into the 1932-1933 hardwood campaign, Catholic Central has suffered three setbacks in as many starts, losing games to Horace Mann, Thornton Fractional and Chesterton, while Hammond Tech has copped three out of five, defeating Crown Point, Thornton Fractional and Hammond, and taking it on the chin from Lew Wallace and Washington.

In its tilt last Friday with Chesterton, the Foreign Legion stacked up against a five that has been going places this season. The Rangers came to Hammond last week-end victors in five and losers in two of its previous contests. And had it not been for the sharpshooting of Holeyvinsky, rangy guard of the visitors, Coach Walter Jones and his cagers would perhaps have left Hammond with a loss charged against their record. But as it was, Holeyvinsky made the connections and Catholic Central bowed before Chesterton by the score of 28-23. The Foreign Legion was in the lead once in the first chapter but it was passed and the period ended with the Rangers ahead, 5-2. At half-time the score was 12-11.

Hammond District

Although it comprises only two counties, Lake and Porter, the Hammond District is one of the most populous of the Districts of the Diocese.

Following are some of the important places in it: Whiting, East Chicago, Gary, Hammond, Valparaiso, Schererville, Dyer, St. John, Hanover Center, Lowell, Crown Point, Lottaville, Griffith, Hobart, Chesterton and Kouts.

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in favor of the visitors. In the third stanza, Coach Polizzotto's basketballers knotted the count but Holeyvinsky broke the tie from mid-court and the Legionnaires trailed the Rangers throughout the remaining minutes of the game.

ENGLETON RECEIVES
MONOGRAM

One member of the Foreign Legion squad had to earn his monogram while away from the field of action, Robert Engleton, injured in the last game of the spring football practice. Robert had been confined to bed during the time that has elapsed since last May, nursing back to health a fracture of his femur. Young Engleton received the customary Chenille C with a group of his classmates.

Faculty and students of the school extend greetings for a joyous Christmas to their host of friends in Lake county.

CALUMET REGION

Gary—With more than 30 priests from the Calumet Region attending, funeral services were held December 16 for Julian Bartkowski, 70, who came to Gary when it was a collection of a few homes on the sand dunes and who gave two children to the church.

Mr. Bartkowski died December 13 in his home in Tolleston. One of his sons is the Rev. John Bartkowski, assistant pastor of St. Joseph's church, Hammond and a daughter is Sister Blanch, Franciscan nun, of Hegewisch, Ill. Other survivors are Barney, Edward, Martha and Bernice. Mrs. Bartkowski died a year ago on the day her son was ordained.

Services were held in Sacred Heart church, Tolleston.

East Chicago. — Children of Assumption school, under the direction of the Sisters of St. Francis, staged a colorful Christmas program December 18. Holy Night, an operetta, in English, an elaborate Slovak Christmas play by pupils of the upper grades and dances and drills showing scenes from Slovak, American and Indiana life by younger pupils were included in the program.

ST. JOSEPH'S, DYER

At a recent meeting of the Holy Name Society the following officers were elected: Alois Keilman, President; Norbert Schaller, Vice Pres. and Joseph Kahler, Sec. and Treas. The society has just recently been reorganized, and there are many reasons to believe the new year will see a larger membership and greater activities than in the past.

The Young Ladies' Sodality have also elected new officers with the following appointments: Pres., Leonarda Keilman, Vice Pres. Irene Schulte, and Marion Berens Sec. and Treas.

The pastor, the Rev. E. A. Ley, has recently reorganized the men's choir, and they will render the music for the mid-night Mass and the High mass at ten Christmas morning. They are doing very well and promise us a fine program for these Masses on Christmas.

The combined societies of St. Joseph are planning a Christmas Party on Thursday afternoon for the children of the Parish.

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Christmas Masses
In Cathedral City
Begin At Midnight

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Seulzer, deacon of the Mass; the Rev. Francis M. Shanley, subdeacon; the Rev. John F. Nadolny, diocesan chancellor, master of ceremonies. He will be assisted by three seminarians who have returned for the Christmas holidays: Frederick Cardinali, of Mt. St. Mary seminary, Norwood, O.; Robert J. Sorg, of St. Meinrad's seminary, Spencer county, Ind., and Dominic Pallone, of St. Joseph's College, Collegeville, Ind.

Prof. Roch E. Magnan, organist and choirmaster will direct the choir in the rendition of one of the most notable musical programs in the history of the parish. The singers will be accompanied by the organ and a nine-piece orchestra.

There are seven violinists, Brother Mel, C. S. C., Robert Waltz, Argel Pion, Louis Iehl, Roy Maley, Leslie Bentley, Rosemary Orth, Ferdinand Grimme, clarinet; Roland Fisher, cello. As the episcopal procession enters the church the choir will sing Stadler's "Ecce Sacerdos Magnus." After blessing of the altars and pageant processional Christmas carols by the vested choir will be followed by soprano solos by Miss Freida Winegart, Mrs. Charles Freistroffer and Mrs. Joseph Emanuel. The choir will sing Weigand's "Mass in Honor of St. Patrick." There are several solos and a duet, "Adeste Fideles" will be sung by Master William Mommer as soloist, assisted by the vested choir.

Following the Sunday schedule Masses are announced for 5:30, 6:45, 8, Children's Mass at 9:15 o'clock, at which carols will be sung and Solemn High Mass at 10 o'clock, followed by benediction. The musical program of the Mid-night Mass will be repeated at this time.

ORDAINED DEACON
AT CEREMONY HELD
AT MOUNT ST. MARY

Ordination of the Rev. Alfred Junk of Fort Wayne, as deacon, was the occasion of impressive ceremonies, Saturday morning, Dec. 17, in the chapel of Mt. St. Mary-of-the-West Seminary, Norwood, O. The Most Rev. John T. McNichols, D. D., Archbishop of the Cincinnati province, pontificated, there being several young men in the ordination class.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathias Junk, and daughters, Luella, Theresa and Helen, of 535 St. Martin street, parents and sisters of the newly ordained deacon attended, also Leo Koehl and Dr. Paul Urbine. They were accompanied home by the deacon who will spend the Christmas holidays with his parents. He is a Ft. Wayne diocesan seminarian preparing for the priesthood. The ordination ceremony will take place in this city at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, next May or June.

We should honor God in His saints, and beseech Him to make us partakers of the graces He poured so abundantly upon them.—St. Vincent de Paul.

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MIRIAM CLUB ENTERTAINS

Members of the Miriam club were entertained with a Christmas party Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Edward Hoffer. A Christmas story was told by Miss Florence Hinckley, and a talk made by Miss Catherine Doud, president. Plans were made for philanthropic work after which tables were arranged for bunco. An exchange of gifts was featured. Miss Evelyn Pursley, of Hartford City, was a guest.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA,
MUNCIE, HAVE PARTY

A merry Yuletide party was given last week by the Daughters of Isabella at the Knights of Columbus home. An exchange of gifts was held, and refreshments were served.

TIPTON

JAMES ZAUSS DIES

Funeral services for James Zauss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Zauss, residing north of the city, were held Monday morning at St. John's church, with the Rev. Joseph Bilstein in charge. The deceased, who was 23, died after an illness of seven months. He was graduated from Sharpville High school where he was a member of the basketball team. He is survived by the parents, five brothers, Kenneth, of Lagrange, Ill.; Vincent, student at Notre Dame, and Joseph, Bernard and Eugene, and two sisters, Sister Rosemary, a nun, at Wabash, and Elizabeth.

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SYNOPSIS

Jane Darrell, a school teacher in St. Louis, has to go West for her health. She boards the train and tells us of her experiences enroute, and of the fears of her "old maid" brother, Robert Henry, for her safety. Arriving at her destination, she finds no one to meet her and is forced to stay at the hotel. Until school begins she stays with Mrs. Holman.

The first day of school finds Miss Darrell teaching children of all grades. She becomes attached to Felix Barton, a poor boy, and visits his home.

Miss Darrell meets the priest who visits the mission at which she lives, and tells of her first experience in going to Confession and attending Sunday Mass in her new home.

Jane receives a letter from Robert Henry in which his fear for his sister's safety is again made known.

CHAPTER IX BRONCHITIS

My dairy has been sadly neglected lately, for I have been ill. I used to think (just at the beginning) that I would write up the happenings of each day. Then when I got interested in teaching, especially after I had begun to teach the children catechism and Bible history after school and did a good deal of riding, I put it off until after supper.

Supper and the dishes are, however, seldom over before eight-thirty. Then Gusta, in tears, can't do long division (she has no mathematical head), and I usually help her. By the time the agony of helping Gusta is over, Mr. Berg is ready to say the Rosary. They always say an extra ten Hail Marys for the Poor Souls, add the Litany of the Blessed Virgin and night prayers. By that time I am too sleepy to record the march of events in my dairy. Sunday ought to be a good day to write, but with Sunday School in the morning and choir practice and company in the afternoon, I don't accomplish anything.

Yes, I have been very ill with bronchitis. Half the time I didn't know where I was. They tell me I talked continually about West Pine Boulevard, Marquette School, and the College Church. It's no wonder for home, school, church, are my world back in St. Louis. Mrs. Berg says I called her "Mother" most of the time. I am not surprised at that, either. My heart has been aching for my good old pal of a mother for some time. It's too bad that I should have had this attack right now when I was growing strong and well, and was able to ride and hike with the best of them.

It seems strange that I didn't talk of Robert Henry. Perhaps it's because I never take seriously anything he says; perhaps because, like quinine, he doesn't leave a pleasant taste.

Father Gorrenson came down in the worst storm of the year. He stayed here a week, said Mass every morning, and gave me Holy Communion. He also tried to come in after dinner (as soon as I began to feel better) and read to me. I shall never forget his kindness.

Who do you think fought his way up to Telluride through the storm to get Father Gorrenson for me? Tom Feagin. I couldn't believe it when Father told me. "He's the best man in the world," Father said. I certainly owe him a debt of gratitude. After all, the only thing I have against him is his conduct the first day I reached Dolores. Nothing he has done since then seems to fit in with that strange performance. He certainly acts like a gentleman. I could hear him in the kitchen every day after I began to know what was going on around me.

Father Gorrenson said to me one day, "It's too bad you and Mr. Feagin don't seem to take to each other. Now I should have thought you'd like each other at once. You're both interested in books, education, scenery. You've both come from the same sort of environment. You're both good Catholics. It does seem strange that you are no better acquainted."

Maybe it does seem strange, but then, Father Gorrenson does not know about his impertinent conduct at the Dolores Hotel, and I am not going to tell him. I do not want to lower Mr. Feagin in

Father's estimation, particularly after he has been kind enough to fight his way eighty miles on horse-back through a blizzard so that Father Gorrenson could come to me.

Father left yesterday - went up in the hills somewhere to hear confessions, say Mass, and baptize a couple of Mexican babies. A priest out here has a hard life. Father Gorrenson's parish extends over three counties of rough, sparsely settled country. He is in the saddle a great deal of the time. He makes fifty to eighty-mile sick calls in zero weather with unflinching cheerfulness. He is a real saint. I heard Mr. Tom Feagin call him that to Mrs. Berg the other day. She agreed with him, and wiped a tear out of her eye with her soiled apron. She is a good soul, even if her hair is untidy and her clothes far from clean. She cooks the best meals. I mention that now because I am beginning to be hungry all the time. It is only ten o'clock and I am hungry as a bear.

I have just had two hot buttered rolls and a glass of milk. I think I shall manage to exist until noon. Anna just came in with the mail. There was a letter from Robert Henry. Robert Henry says his mind will never be at rest until he sees me at home on West Pine Blvd. once more. He says he lives in fear night and day—fear for me. If he only knew how little there is to fear; how groundless his fears are. No, he does not even know that I have been ill. I made Mrs. Berg promise not to worry my home folks by telling of my illness, and I know she kept her promise. Otherwise Robert Henry would have been here long ere this. And if that had happened, I am sure I should have died at once. I could not have stood Robert Henry and bronchitis at the same time.

Anna just came in again with a box of candy. Tom Feagin won it on the punch board in the Dolores drug store. He doesn't eat candy himself, but he thought I might like it. I suppose Robert Henry would say, "Send it back to him immediately," but somehow I can't—not when he went to so much trouble for me. It simply wouldn't be a Christian thing to do. Besides, I love candy—particularly maraschino cherries. So I took the box and said, "Tell him, Thank you!"

Ann went out grinning. I know the Valley will know all about it before morning, but what do I care about the Valley? I simply cannot squelch him after he rode eighty miles for me. Anybody but Robert Henry could see that, and see it clearly.

Teddy wrote, too. He said, "Say, Sis, haven't you found a good-looking cowboy yet to hitch up to, or are you as bashful there as you were at home? Please hustle, and bring one back with you. I should simply adore a cowboy brother-in-law. I never could understand how a girl could be so slow."

Funny, isn't it? The tenor of Robert Henry's letter always is, "How can a girl (meaning me) be so fast?" But then this is a strange and contradictory world.

Mother inclosed a little note in Teddy's letter. It seems she has been making the married ladies' retreat. How far off all things as retreats seem. I'd like to make one myself. You have such a nice chance to think things over. Though, to tell the truth, I have had plenty of chance to think things over lately. I sometimes wish I were not so timid and bashful. Perhaps if I were not, Teddy would have had a brother-in-law (not a cowboy one, Heaven forbid) a long time ago. As it is, I suppose I shall be the oldest kind of old maid.

By the way, old maids are certainly not plentiful here. The girls all marry between eighteen and twenty. They think I am hideously old and had better make haste quickly. Mary Ziegler was talking about Old Maid Harper the other day. Old Maid Harper lives in a little shack down on the edge of the canyon. She chews tobacco, saws wood, plows, irrigates, does all the work of a man. She is a pleasant

old lady, even if she is a little rough. I often go down after school to sample her fresh ginger cookies and preserved strawberries. I like her very much but Mary Ziegler "can't stand" her. She says:

"If I ever thought I'd come to that, I'd shoot myself. I'm going to hurry up and get married. You can just bet I am. Take the first fellow that asks me. Sure will. If I'm not married by the time I'm twenty, I'll jump into the river. No Old Maid Harper stuff for me."

Of course, she'd never shoot herself, nor jump in the river. It's her way of saying old maids are not

popular here. But just the same, I'm going to be an old maid—I'm afraid. Mrs. Berg says she's afraid so too. Mrs. Felder says she knows it. She thought for a while, after the carrying across the creek episode, that Tom Feagin might be hanging around "sitting up" with me, but she was mistaken. She'll keep her eyes open now. I know, since this riding for the priest episode, not to mention the giving of the box of candy. No cowboy in the Valley gives a girl a box of candy unless he is "sweet" on her and wants her and the Valley to know it.

To be continued.

Maggie and the Baby

Janette B. Dolezal

Maggie knelt at the Altar rail and gazed tenderly at the little figure on its bed of straw. About it stood a group of plaster shepherds, and Mary and Joseph, in their painted robes, knelt to adore. A china lamb, cold and placid, lay beside the straw.

"It should have a bit of soft wool on it," thought Maggie.

She longed to shade the tender baby eyes from the merciless glare of the electric star and to pull the scrap of swaddling clothes over the little bare chest and knees, for it was a bitter night and even here in the church the air was chilled. Her own little Michael was tucked snugly under his blankets not far from the warmth of the kitchen stove—or she had left him so and, please God, would find him still snug and warm on her return. Her man was away at his work, as night watchman for the railroad, and there was no one to watch little Michael but his Guardian Angel. A good, hardworking Angel Maggie knew him to be for he had proved his worth on many a previous occasion, but she had her own ideas as to the limitations of Angels. What could a little Cherub, (and him may be just a curly head and two wings) do in the matter of safety pins or a bottle of warm milk? No, she had been gone long enough and must be getting back. She hurried a little over the last Hail Marys, her eyes on the sweet baby face before her.

"The Darlin'," murmured Maggie, and smiled tenderly as she gazed. "I hate to leave Him." He held out His arms to her and the baby face dimpled as He smiled back. "Don't leave me, Maggie," He said. "Take me with you. I'd love to go." "Ah if only I could," sighed Maggie. "My arms are achin' to hold You. But it's not for such as You. Just a poor little place. It's not fit."

"You don't think I'd be afraid of poverty, Maggie? We were poor you know. My beautiful Mother cared for Me just as you do for Michael, with her own hands, and I loved it. Do take me Maggie."

"Bless Your Little Heart,"

Come to Me

M. L. Walls

There was scarcely any sound in the street: only the sharp crackle of the falling icy flakes and the dull crunching of a girl's heavy footsteps. Heavier and less steady they grew as she ploughed up out of the dark coldness onto the ash-covered steps of a church. For a moment the great door resisted her frail body then, with a sigh, it closed behind her.

Though it was past eleven the church was still heated. Confessions had been heard until ten o'clock and there was to be an early Christmas Mass at five in the morning. Minutes passed and still the girl leaned wearily against the door, water dripping from her sweater into little pools at her feet. Presently her eyes became attracted by the flickering candles upon the altar; their rosy fingers seemed to beckon to her.

With uncertain steps she started up the aisle. Past the silent, empty pews, past the sorrowful Stations of the Cross, up to the altar she went. Standing there, her dull glance fell upon the raw, chapped hands with which she gripped the altar-rail. The hands that tiny Mary Bryan had rested there so timidly upon her First Communion Day many years ago. Then, fingers white and small had

held a rose; now, scarred and worn they held a baby blanket.

Something of the old sweet innocence of the little girl who had knelt there so long ago came over the woman who now knelt in her place. She seemed to feel again the white wreath binding her head; the same prayer, tattered by disuse, came murmuring through her lips:

"Jesus, Jesus, come to me. Most firmly I believe in Thee, Most trustfully I hope in Thee, Most ardently I love Thee; Then come, oh Jesus, come to me."

Again and again: "Jesus, Jesus, come to me"—holding the unneeded baby blanket against her own now useless breast, she wept.

After a moment her tear-stormed gaze fastened on the corner of the altar. There, as on every Christmas, was a reproduction of the Blessed Stable. Within stood the life-like figures of the Holy Family. Jesus... Mary... Joseph. The woman's eyes came back to the Child upon the straw. Watching Him, she crept closer until by leaning across the railing she could touch the Little Body. It was cold. Picking Him up, she wrapped the worn blue blanket about Him, cradling the tiny head against her breast. The prayer be-

came a lullaby as she rocked upon her knees. "Jesus, Jesus, come to me."

Outside the church bells began to peal; chimes sang out: Christ is born! Christ, the King!

Before the altar Mary was burying her mouth in the tumbled, brown curls; they were soft and warm. Tiny pink fingers wound about her own stiff ones. The tiny white bunnies on the blue blanket moved up and down before her eyes—up and down—And still the midnight carols rang in her unhearing ears: Christ is born again!

"There she was, poor thing," the janitor was telling his wife, "holding the statue of the Christ-Child!"

Quick tears sprang to his wife's eyes. "An' the poor thing, so soon after losing her own fine son! Maybe she's with him now."

It was with reverence Patrick whispered: "Mag, 'twas a funny thing, but when I first took the Child from out her dead arms it felt just like a real baby. 'Twas that soft and warm."

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MAN WHO DECORATED
CATHOLIC CHURCHES
DEAD AT LOGANSPORT

Edward H. Mucker, 42 years old, prominent Logansport interior decorator, succumbed early Thursday morning, December 15, at St. Joseph's hospital, where he was taken a week before in a critical condition. An emergency operation was performed Monday in a futile effort to save his life. He had not been in good health for the past year but his condition did not become serious until a week ago. Among his outstanding pieces of interior decoration in Logansport were the finishing of the interiors of the three Catholic churches there, served overseas for more than a year during the late war. Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Evelyn Mucker; three children, Frank, Robert and Patricia, 10, 8 and 6 years old respectively; and two sisters, Mrs. Oscar Fries and Mrs. Emma Friend of Naugatuck, Conn.

The deceased was a past grand knight of Logansport council, No. 1, Knights of Columbus. He was trustee of the council at the time of his death. He was also a member of the Holy Name confraternity of St. Joseph's Catholic church, Logansport.

Funeral services were held from St. Joseph's church, Saturday morning, with the Rev. Michael J. Schinger officiating at Solemn High Mass. Burial was made in St. Vincent's cemetery.

KOKOMO CAGERS GRAB
LEAGUE LEADERSHIP

The Kokomo Kaysees hung up their second victory of the year Wednesday night, December 14, to grab the Central Indiana K. of C. basketball league leadership. Wednesday's win was over Marion county by a score of 24 to 18, in a game at the Kokomo National Guard Armory.

The Kokomo club led all the way in a tight defensive game. Jim Kirby, sharp-shooting guard, led the Kokomo attack with five field goals and a brace of foul tosses while Barton was the hot shot for Marion with six fielders.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA
HOLD CHRISTMAS EVENT

Peru Daughters of Isabella enjoyed a delightful Christmas party recently in the K. of C. hall. A program including specialty numbers by Dorothy Lee Han, John Coyle, Mary Jo Dorsam, Roscoe Moon, Helen Bender, Frances Catanzara and Georgeann Mahan, preceded the presentation of gifts around the Christmas tree by Santa Claus. Refreshments were served at small tables where guests remained for the card games.

Members of the committee in charge of the affair were Mrs. Mary Claire, Mrs. Roscoe Moon and Misses Emma Staley, Helen Bender, Frances Rhein, Veda Carroll and Frances Scherschel.

CAROLINE DEMERLY
DIES AT SON'S HOME

Caroline Demerly died December 18, at the home of her son, in Logansport. Funeral services were held Wednesday morning from St. Vincent's church with the Rev. James Durkin officiating. Burial was made at St. Boniface's cemetery at LaPorte.

St. Vincent's Rosary society recited prayers for the dead Tuesday night.

YOUNG LADIES HOLD
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Young Ladies' sodality of St. Vincent's church, Logansport,

enjoyed their annual Christmas party Monday evening, December 19, in the school auditorium. Circle No. 7, Dorothy Malay, president, assisted by Loretta Grady and Marguerite Moran were hostesses for the affair.

Instead of the usual gift exchange, donations for the poor were given by the members.

YOUNG LADIES HOLD
THEIR CHRISTMAS AFFAIR

Forty-eight members of the Young Ladies' Sodality of St. Joan of Arc Catholic church, Kokomo, enjoyed their annual Christmas party Monday evening, December 12, at Coady's hall. Prizes at euchre and bridge were awarded to Misses Rosemary Stahl, Katie O'Neil and Mary Derbyshire. Gifts were exchanged after which the girls presented their pastor, the Rev. Father Huemer, with a five dollar gold piece. Later refreshments were served.

Members of the committee in charge of the affair were Misses Cecile Wells, Clara and Rozella Griesey, Agnes Keating, Regina Walsh, Gayle Lawhead and Mary Roswog.

KOKOMO SODALITY
HAS ANNUAL PARTY

Sixty members of the Young Ladies' Sodality of St. Patrick's Catholic church, Kokomo, met Monday evening, December 12, in the K. of C. hall for their annual Christmas party. Outstanding in the holiday decorations adorning the hall was a large Christmas tree under which the exchange gifts were placed. Bridge and hearts were played, honors going to Misses Nellie Bergman, Lucille Sullivan, Mary Katherine Donahue and Mary Cunningham.

Miss Elizabeth Wolf, as committee chairman for the evening, was assisted by Misses Eleanor Krebster, Patricia Kincaid, Mary Lou McGlone, Constance Phillips, Josephine Lindsey, Mary Gibson, Margaret Gribben, Louise Mortola and Mary Louise Freiberg. Luncheon was served buffet style.

WILLIAM J. GUCKIEN
DIES AT LOGANSPORT

William J. Guckien, 81 years old, died at 11 o'clock Friday night, December 16, at St. Joseph's hospital, Logansport, where he was removed Thursday for treatment of pneumonia. He was a Carroll county farmer for many years, retiring seven years ago and moving to Logansport. He served as treasurer of Carroll county for two terms.

Surviving are three sisters, Ellen Guckien and Mrs. Winifred Hayes who made their homes with the deceased and Mrs. Catherine Barrett, of Lucerne, and two brothers, Sylvester and Cornelius Guckien of Carroll county.

Funeral services were held Monday morning from St. Vincent's church and burial made in that cemetery.

SODALITY MEMBERS
HONORED AT PARTY

Members of Circle No. 3, of the Altar and Rosary Sodality of St. Joan of Arc Catholic church, Kokomo, and their husbands were entertained Monday evening, December 12, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Doyle. Honors at cards were awarded Mrs. John Roswog, Martin Coady, E. V. Pepka, John Roswog, Joe Maurer, George Long, Mrs. E. V. Pepka and Mrs. Tom Coady. Clyde Waltman received the door prize. At the conclusion of the evening, refreshments were served.

DENNIS R. DWYER,
KOKOMO, SUCCUMBS

Dennis R. Dwyer, 76, died Wednesday morning, December 14, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ida St. John, in Kokomo. He had been in poor health since April.

The survivors include the widow, Mrs. Fanny Dwyer; two daughters, Mrs. Otto Kollmar and Mrs. St. John, of Kokomo; four sons, Edward, of Indianapolis; Thomas, of

Lansing, Mich.; John, of Fostoria, Ohio, and Harry of Kokomo; two sisters, Mary Edward and Mary Berchman, Sisters of Mercy, Hot Springs, Ark.; a brother, John Dwyer, of Kokomo and fifteen grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday morning from St. Patrick's church, the Rev. Father Halpin officiating and burial made in Crown Point cemetery.

LUCKY AT CARDS

Mrs. Costello, Mrs. Brosier and Mrs. Peterson were awarded prizes at the St. Joseph hospital Sewing circle card party held Thursday afternoon, December 13, in the Logansport Knights of Columbus hall.

Religion 'Gives Teeth'
To Moral Law, Priest
Tells Deans of Women

Champaign, Ill.—"It is religion which gives teeth to the moral law and makes it functional in human life," declared the Rev. Dr. John A. O'Brien, director of the Newman Foundation at the University of Illinois, in an address before the thirteenth annual conference of the Illinois Association of Deans of Women just held here.

"The perennial problem," said Dr. O'Brien, "facing all those engaged in the work of education lies in the development of the conviction in the mind of youth of the supremacy of the spiritual in the life of man. . . . Over and above the master of the data of science, literature, or art is the development of a conscience that is responsive to the moral law. To exercise its proper influence upon the human mind the moral law must have an adequate system of sanctions or incentives for observance."

"In other words, it must have teeth. It is religion, which gives teeth to the moral law. It is religion which removes a moral principle from the realm of pale abstractions, and enables it to grip the mind and guide the conscience aright."

"The supreme need of our day," declared Dr. O'Brien, "is the recognition of all engaged in the work of education in our state universities and in all our tax-supported institutions of higher learning, of the intimate relationship between religion and morality in the motivation of human conduct."

Continuing, Dr. O'Brien said that "education, knowledge, culture without religion do not save."

"It is as futile to seek to curb the imperious raging passions that throb within the human bosom by the slender threads of knowledge alone," he added, "as it would be to hold fast to its anchor, by tiny silken threads, a huge vessel, tossed about by a turbulent storm on the heaving seas. Will power, strength of character, and a dynamic driving force which spring from deep religious convictions, offer the only effective controls for the great majority of the race."

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Munich. — Considerable pressure is being brought to bear upon Therese Neumann, the stigmatized Bavarian peasant girl of Konnersreuth in Northern Bavaria, to have her agree to submit herself to a strict medical supervision which ought either to prove or to disprove to the world the miraculous nature of her mystical experiences.

It is reliably learned, however, that her father has now written a letter to the Bishop of Regensburg, the Most Rev. Michael Buchberger, expressing doubts that such supervision could be handled properly and with due care for the spiritual factors involved. While this virtually amounts, at least for the time being, to refusal of a request which had been made an exchange of views between all concerned will probably continue, with possible concrete results later on.

The Bavarian Bishops' Conference recently expressed the desire that such an examination take place in order that all doubts as to the bona fide religious character of the phenomena may be dispelled once and for all. No public announcement was made at the time of this decision of the Bishops. It became known in the course of a sermon delivered in the Regensburg Cathedral by Father Rohrmueller, on October 2. A Catholic journalist happened to be present and immediately reported the news to the Konnersreuther Sonntagsblatt. Thereupon the Vicar General of Regensburg gave out a statement that the announcement of the Bishops' decision had been made in the sermon without the knowledge and against the wishes of the Bishop of Regensburg.

Diner: "I know of nothing more exasperating than to find a hair in my soup."

Waiter: "Well, it would be worse, wouldn't it, to have the soup in your hair."

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CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS
CHEER ORPHANS, OLD
PERSONS AND POOR FARM

On Sunday afternoon, December 18, the annual party for the children of St. Joseph's orphanage, with the Sisters, and the children of Cary home and their attendants, was held in Knights of Columbus hall. A special program was given for the children and during the course of the party Santa Claus visited them and presented each child with gifts and the usual Christmas goodies. Refreshments were served. After the party, a committee, in company with Santa Claus, visited the charity wards at St. Elizabeth's hospital where gifts were left with each patient.

On Monday afternoon, December 26, the court members will go to St. Anthony's home, where a program of old time songs and dances will be given for the members of that institution. The following Monday, January 2, the same program will be presented at the county infirmary. Gifts will also be distributed at each party.

The local court of the Catholic Daughters of America, who take care of this work each year, is trying to make the parties even more enjoyable than in former years. Mrs. Bert Yocom is acting as general chairman.

COFFEE SOCIAL

Numbered among the lovely holiday festivities was a coffee social given by the St. Mary's Welfare society Sunday afternoon from 3 until 7 o'clock in the St. Mary's Community Center. Hostesses for the affair were the Misses Margaret Brown, Louise Harty, Mary Sauer, Mae Tragesser, Mary Douglas, Marie McGrath, Marion and Clara Meyer and Mrs. Robert Douglas, Mrs. P. Schultz and Mrs. J. W. Stafford.

RECEPTION

Following the regular business meeting of the Catholic Daughters of America Wednesday evening the sixty members present honored their officers with a reception and a delightful program given by Sybie Neil, violinist, and Louise Harty, pianist. Delicious refreshments were served from a table artistically decorated with Christmas appointments.

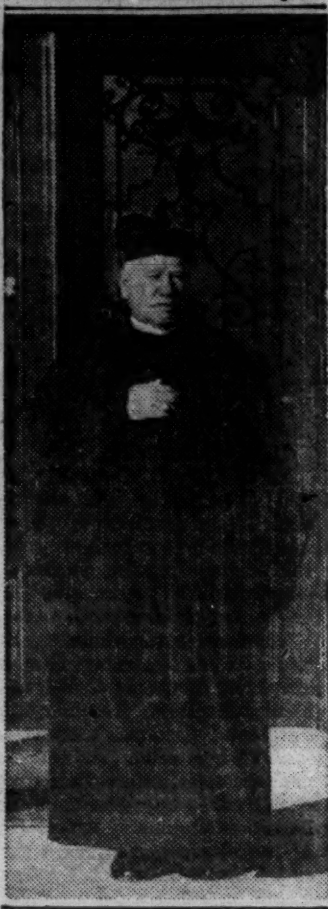
SOCIAL MEETING

The Young Ladies' society of St. Boniface's church met at the Community center Tuesday evening with Theresa Brower and Mildred Smith as hostesses. Bunco was played at four tables and prizes were won by Frances Brown and Alice Steiner. Later in the evening dancing was enjoyed. Near the hour of departure tempting refreshments were served.

NEWMAN CLUB ENJOY
CHRISTMAS FROLIC

The Newman Club of Purdue university enjoyed a Christmas frolic Sunday evening in St. Mary's Community center. Nearly one hundred members attended and were entertained with a delightful Christmas program. Father Kress, former missionary who is now stationed at Illinois University, spoke to the members of the club on "Iceland," the people, their manners and customs. He related a few experiences he had with these people and also remarked about their love for literature and poetry. The remaining program consisted of a reading, "Merry Christmas," read by Mary Wagner. Miss Mary and Rose Klinker rendered several vocal and piano selections, and Glenn Wright gave a few numbers on the accordion. Christmas carols were sung by the entire club, accompanied by Mr. S. S. Palma. Santa Claus made a visit and presented

At 73rd Birthday



His Eminence, William Cardinal O'Connell, Archbishop of Boston, as he appeared on the occasion of his 73rd birthday anniversary, which he celebrated recently.

each member with a gift. Tempting refreshments were served from tables artistically decorated with Christmas appointments and tall lighted red and green tapers. A huge Christmas tree stood in one corner of the room covered with Christmas lights which served as the illumination. The remaining rooms were also adorned with Christmas trimmings which gave one a feeling of festivity and fun. The clever feature of the evening was a miniature radio station set up by Professor W. J. Stafford who is connected with the Electrical Engineering school of Purdue university. The broadcast consisted of tales about each member of the club, which afforded much laughter and amusement.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Monday evening the Misses Isabelle Trainer, Gertrude and Genevieve Strubel entertained Beta chapter, of Sigma Delta Rho sorority at a lovely Christmas party, in the St. Boniface's Community center. Bridge was played and honors were held by Clara Christ, Bernadine Metzinger and Clara Modcher. During the evening a gift exchange was enjoyed as the members assembled around a lighted Christmas tree. Later refreshments were served.

ALTAR-ROSARY SOCIETY
WILL SPREAD CHEER

The Altar-Rosary Society of St. Ann's church will act as Santa Claus this year to all the needy families of the parish. Clothing has been donated and will be distributed among the poor.

THE KILMER REVIEW

"Shadows on The Rock," by Willa Cather is one of the latest books written by this modern author and is now available at the Kilmer Library. It is a story of a Frenchman, Euclide Auclair, and his daughter who devote their lives in doing good for the peasants in a small village in Quebec. The story is centered around Count Frontenac, Governor General of Quebec.

MRS. EMMA LEFFMAN
DIES SUNDAY MORNING

Mrs. Emma Leffman, wife of Alfred Leffman, died Sunday morning at St. Elizabeth's hospital, after an illness of five weeks. Mrs. Leffman was born July 26, 1888, in Kumbach, Germany, and

married Alfred Leffman fifteen years ago. She was a member of St. Mary's church.

She leaves her husband, one sister, Miss Barbara Kunrad, of Lafayette; three brothers and four other sisters living in Germany. Funeral services were conducted from St. Mary's church on Tuesday morning; burial in St. Boniface's cemetery.

Charity Able to Avert
Revolution of Despair,
Declares Archbishop

St. Louis.—The only possible revolution in this country today is the "revolution of despair" and charity can avert that, declared the Most Rev. John J. Glennon, Archbishop of St. Louis, speaking before 1,200 members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at a business session following the close of the society's annual retreat here.

Dividing the past two decades into three phases—the War, the Golden Age, and the present period of distress—Archbishop Glennon declared that "our principle today is sound." "There is no saner basis on which to live," he explained, "than that one has an equal right to live with others, to place over us those whom we want to govern us. In America we have men's suffrage and anyone who seeks to destroy that seeks to destroy the nation."

"There were wars in the past," he continued, "not only for the rights of men, but of prosperity. There is only one possible revolution today and that is the revolution of despair, and that is what, through our charity and helpfulness, we must succeed in lifting. And when the history is written, the most interesting chapter will be that when the sins of the Fathers are visited on the children, after human greed and the golden calf reigned, we, under the standard of the cross and under the leadership of Him who went about doing good, did our share in relieving and removing distress."

Students Making Toys
For Indigent Children

San Francisco.—Students of the Notre Dame High School in Alameda have formed a Toy-Makers' Guild, for the purpose of preparing toys to be distributed among the poor children of Alameda on Christmas.

The students are now spending their recreation time dressing dolls and making toy animals from gingerham and patent leather.

Lafayette District

This includes the counties of Benton, Boone, Clinton, Fountain, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, and Warren.

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THE REV. AQUINAS KNOFF,
Diocesan Editor,
OUR SUNDAY VISITOR,
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New Correspondent



Dr. Max Jordan, noted journalist, author and traveler, who has just been named Correspondent of the N. C. W. C. News Service for Germany. He is a native of Wuerttemberg and was formerly assistant to the Chief European Correspondent of a large American news service. In 1924, Dr. Jordan came to the United States for a six-year stay as American Correspondent for a number of German newspapers. (Harris & Ewing photo.)

ST. JOSEPH'S DROPS
ST. JOHN'S WHITING

A shower of baskets in the second half in which Petit, substitute center collected four from the pivot, enabled St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, to overcome a 13-10 first half lead to rout St. John's, Whiting, 37-22. The first half was featured by the tight guarding of both teams, while the second period was St. Joseph's all the way with the offensive flash of Capt. Danehy, Downey and Petit putting the Purple and Red into the lead. Ryan was the outstanding scorer for St. John's with eleven points, while the guarding of Dancisak featured the defensive play.

"Tommy, your head is wet. You've been in swimming against my orders."

"No, pa, I was just standin' on the bank watchin' the other boys when that little Tompkins kid did a 'bellybuster' an' splashed me."

"Then, why wasn't your hat wet?"

"I had it in my hand, pa, fanin' myself."

"Umph! I guess I'll have to make a lawyer out of you, son."

Temperance Is Urged
By Bishop, But He Sees
Prohibition As An Evil

Erie, Pa. — Characterizing the Eighteenth Amendment as "a experiment and a dangerous thing to throw into the Constitution of the United States," the Most Rev. John Mark Gannon, Bishop of Erie, bespoke "the recovery of the old American ideal of temperance and the education of our people to control our appetites as honorable and virtuous citizens," in an address delivered at the annual dinner of the Orphans' Welfare Association here.

Referring to this question in brief survey he made of present world conditions and problems, Bishop Gannon said:

"I will announce myself as an uncompromising apostle of temperance. While I have agreed with the ideals of those who favor prohibition, I have differed with their methods."

"I hope," the Bishop continued, "that we will regulate the liquor question and conduct ourselves equal to the nations of the earth. After visiting 13 countries in Europe, where millions of people were at liberty to drink when they so desired, I had to return to America to see the first intoxicated man."

Bishop Gannon said that from his tour of 13 European countries his observation is that there far less suffering there than in the United States.

"Lucille," said the haughty man. "Yes, madame."

"Look out and see if any other woman is using the lake. If I may take a bath."



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Childrens Page

The Spirit of the Magi

A Short, Short Story by Joseph Mainolfi

Slowly the snow fell, piling it self higher and higher against all obstacles, or sweeping into drifts here and there in the open places, carried by the irresistible force of a wind, that had dropped the mercury in the thermometers to eleven degrees below zero.

Seated cosily beside the glowing, open fire in his study, John J. Preston gazed moodily out the win-

are in sore straits for the holidays and came to see you, wondering if out of your bounty you would care to help them?"

Preston rose halfway in his chair, then settled back again. "No," he said, harshly. "I don't care to help anyone. People should be able to take care of themselves. If they can't it is their lookout, not mine."

The priest stirred uneasily. "Perhaps you would think otherwise, Mr. Preston, if you realized that many of these people are utterly without the most absolute necessities. They not only have no food, they lack coal, clothes, everything."

"Mr. O'Leary," Preston said, "it makes not the slightest difference to me. I suffered like that, once too. No one helped me. You will understand better if you will listen to me for a moment. There was a time, when I believed in God, when, in fact, I was a member of your Church." The priest nodded. "That's many years ago. I was poor, then, and I had a wife, Mr. O'Leary, and a son." For a fraction of a moment, emotion tinged his voice, then he went on in the same casual tones. "It was Christmas time, then, too. Eighteen long years ago. My wife died, Mr. O'Leary, and my son died. They died because they lacked proper food, proper warmth, proper clothing. And all the time they were mocking me, the passersby, with their 'Merry Christmas' and their happy laughs." His voice grew shrill with bitterness, and then went on quietly, "And now I don't believe in anything. I don't believe in God, nor in the kindness of men. So you go to someone else, Mr. O'Leary, someone, whom your God has treated more considerably than He has me."

There was silence for a moment. "It's a very sad story, Mr. Preston, and you have cause to feel bitter, but no reason to despise the methods of an all-wise Providence. Your suffering should have raised you to a higher level, for it has made you like to One other. There was many, many years ago, a Babe born in utter poverty, Who might have died of the cold, had He not been wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. And to this Babe, there came Wise Men bringing gifts. They each brought what they deemed most precious and in giving had no other thought but to give of their best. These were the Magi and they gave with a true spirit of giving, not with any hope of recompense. Shepherds came, too, that night, but they had naught to give, but the love that flowed from their hearts. And you, Mr. Preston, by giving in the Spirit of the Magi, could sanctify the years of horror, you have undergone." So saying the priest was gone.

Preston remained seated, pondering the things he had heard and said. Through his mind ran the phrase, "Spirit of the Magi" and the image of the three Wise Men at the feet of the new-born Babe, Who had wherewithal to clothe Himself. And in the hands of the Magi were priceless gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh, gifts that at most, would be worthless to the Babe, Who snuggled close to His Mother's bosom.

And then again, Preston thought of his huge bank balances, of stocks yielding their quarterly incomes, of gold massing on gold and of a little boy dying on a desolate cot in a dingy room, while below humanity thronged and wished "Merry Christmases". And as he thought, it seemed to Preston that as that little boy had smiled his last, little, cheery smile and passed out of the gloom, there had been something angelic about him, something that might have been like unto that other little Boy of so long ago, had He died in the dreary cold of an unfriendly world. Preston crossed himself, some-



Actual photograph of the beautiful wax infant, which has been used for centuries during the midnight Christmas solemnity at the place of the Nativity at Bethlehem.

thing he had not done in years, and jumped up, a light of gladness on his face. "I'll do it," he said, with carefree abandon, as he ransacked his desk, found a check-book and filled out a blank. He rang his bell, summoning his servant, gave commands and in no time was speeding on his way to town to join in the happy crush of buyers. Toys, clothes, tempting foods, turkeys, geese and all the fixings were crammed into the limousine that had never before held anything other than its master. Then the chauffeur was ordered to drive to St. Joseph's church, near which Father O'Leary had his abode.

The snow was still falling in thick white flakes to make a blanket of purest white for Christmas Day, while through the gathering gloom, the little lights, that decked the myriad Christmas trees, glimmered brightly, sending forth their happy message of good cheer.

The car approached the church and already the little red light that flickered in the dome of the sanctuary was visible through the stained glass windows, when at an intersection, where numberless cars had turned the roads to ice, Preston's limousine collided with another car. There was a rending crash, a clatter of shattered glass and then—silence.

Quickly a crowd gathered and friendly hands helped to extricate the luckless occupants of the cars, who clambered about, nervous and excited. All but Preston who remained motionless, and who was laid gently on the wind swept steps of the Church. And there Father O'Leary, arrayed in confessional robes, found him.

Weakly Preston raised his arm and pulled the priest down beside him. "I'm dying, Father," he said, "but I did it. All those things you wanted are in the car. And, Father, I did it just as you wanted me to, in the Spirit of the Magi."

The priest smiled, reassuringly. "You're not dying, Mr. Preston, we'll soon get you to a hospital and after you get over your shock, you will be alright."

Preston shook his head stubbornly. "I don't want to go to any hospital, Father, I want to go to confession and—I want to go in there." He pointed to the church. "I want to see what I haven't seen in so long," he said softly. "I

OPPORTUNITY'S CHALLENGE

Not what we give today,
For few have gold to offer,
But we can share the gifts
From bounteous Nature's coffer.

An apple to a child,
A bowl of golden peaches,
May cheer a saddened heart
That sunshine seldom reaches.

A loaf of fresh baked bread
In neighborly thought given,
May lift the clouds of gloom
From spirits sorely driven,

Sermons are preached by deeds
Of simple love and kindness,
A meal may win a soul,
Dear God, forgive our blindness.
—Anastasia E. Thomas

The Little Jesus

Catherine M. O'Brien

It is an old, old story, my dears—almost two thousand years old. And yet, it is the one story that grows more beautiful each time it is told. It is the story of the Babe of Bethlehem; of the Infant Jesus born in a stable on Christmas morn.

In all our large Cities there are thousands of poor children who have very poor homes and very little to keep them warm; but the Little Jesus was even poorer than they. Only a stable that sheltered the cattle for a birth-place, nothing to keep Him warm; and yet, He was the Son of God, and King of Heaven and Earth! But the poorest place is beautiful if Jesus is there; so the humble stable became a place of beauty. A Heavenly light shone round the bed of straw where Jesus lay, and Angels sang their Heavenly songs for the Infant King.

Out on the hills of Judea poor shepherds were watching their sheep. God sent His angels to announce the birth of His Son. Did He send them to the rich people of Bethlehem, or to the King of the land? No—the Angel Choirs appeared to the lowly shepherds who were keeping the night watch. "Glory to God in the Highest! Peace on Earth to men of good will, for unto you is born this day a Saviour, Who is Christ the Lord," so sang the Angels, and bade the shepherds make haste to adore the Little Jesus. They found Him in the stable, and falling on their knees offered their hearts to the Infant King.

God sent His Angels to the lowly shepherds because they were meek and humble and pure of heart. Strive always, dear children, to be like the shepherds, pure and holy, meek and humble; so that God will reign in your hearts, and so that you too, will find the Little Jesus.

Aunt Helen's Letters to Little Children

Christmas Day

Dear Boys and Girls:

Christmas Day at last! How we have waited and longed for it! Just as the people long ago waited and longed for Jesus to come down to them, as God the Father had promised.

I told you once before that this was the first, and the best, Christmas present, when God gave us His own beloved Son. I hope you are careful to thank your parents and friends for all their Christmas gifts; and I do hope you will not be so thoughtless and ungrateful as to forget to thank your Heavenly Father for this best of Christmas gifts. Better go a little early to Mass, and say a prayer of thanks for the greatest of all gifts, Jesus.

For what are all the other gifts—candy, toys, and pretty clothes—compared to the love of Jesus and the Heaven that He opened for us? The candy will be gone in a few days; the toys will break; and the clothes will wear out. But Heaven will never fade away; it will always be there, as bright and beautiful as Paradise was for Adam and Eve.

So don't let the thoughts of gifts and goodies crowd out the thought of Jesus. There was no room for Him at the inn, and He had to be born in a bare, cold stable. When He comes to your heart, don't let Him find it too crowded.

And be sure to have a Christmas gift for Jesus. "A gift for Jesus?" you say. "But what can I give Jesus? He is God, and He can have anything He wants, anyway." But there is one thing that Jesus cannot have unless you give it to Him. It is your heart. He wants it very much. He has even asked you for it. And surely you cannot disappoint your very best Friend. So, when you receive Him in Holy Communion, tell Him that

your heart and soul belong to Him; that everything you think or do will be to please Him.

And, if you can go to see some sick person, or take some candy and gifts to a poor child, or even just help Mother, who is so busy today, remember that these can all be gifts for Jesus. For He said, "As long as you did it to one of these, my least brethren, you did it to Me."

Plenty of pictures for the calendar today, and plenty of verses—so many that I'm sure you can pick your own without any help from

AUNT HELEN.

Our Savior's Natal Day

By Bro. T. F. Kelly, S. J.

O Jesus, God's eternal Son,
Come down to visit earth;
Didst choose the town of Bethlehem,

To be Thy place of birth;
Didst choose for Mother, Mary blest,

A virgin undefiled;
And Thou, the mighty Son of God,
Didst deign to be her Child.

He chose a stable cold and bare,
Wherein He would be born;
And laid upon a bed of hay,
A cold and wintry morn.

He chose to come in poverty,
To shatter human pride;—
The songs of mighty angels,
Bring shepherds to His side.

To bring to Him the gentile world
He sent a wondrous Star;
Which led to Him the Eastern Kings,

Who followed from afar.
Then welcome to Our Savior King
On this His natal day;
And greetings to His Mother dear,
And joy and bliss for aye.

The Welcome

No music He heard, and no angels
He saw
As He lay in His wrappings of
linen and straw
And the ox and the ass could not
kneel and adore,
For the poor creatures never were
angels before.

The palace He found was an old
cattle stall
With a broken-down roof and a
windowless wall,
And it looked so ashamed of its
spider-worn wood;
A dull stable lantern that hung
dark and dim

Was the small bit of moonlight
that flickered on Him
Now it longed to be beautiful,
starry and bright,
And it sputtered and wept for the
dearth of its light.

But a Lady of Beauty stood over
His head
While she gathered the strewings
about for His bed.

And her soul was as sweet as a
fresh-budding rose
And as white as the fusion of my-
riad snows.

And her hands did not soil this im-
maculate prize,
And her breath did not sully the
bloom in His eyes.

On her breast sweet and safe could
He slumber and nod;
The lily-white village-maid, Mother
of God.

Rev. Leonard Feeny, S.J.

The CATHOLIC WORLD Through The CAMERA

BUILT TO AID THE UNEMPLOYED



His Eminence Jean Cardinal Verdier, Archbishop of Paris, recently dedicated this church edifice at Valleneuve-la-Garenne, in the suburbs of Paris. It is the first completed of the forty-two churches whose first stones were laid by the Cardinal during the past year. They are being erected throughout France as a means of giving work to the unemployed. (Wide World photo.)

SURGICAL KITS FOR MISSIONS



The Rev. Edward F. Garesche, S. J., Director of the Catholic Medical Mission Board, shown at the headquarters in New York City, inspecting 100 surgical kits recently purchased by the Board for use in mission hospitals and dispensaries.

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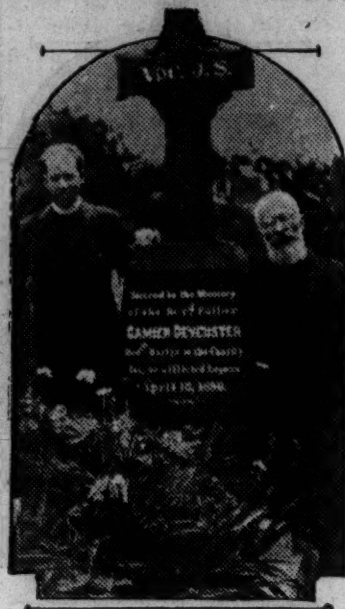
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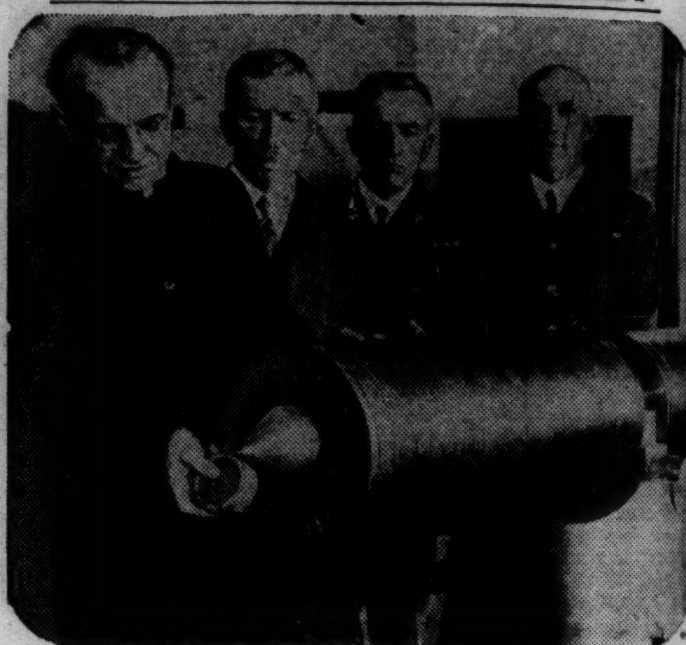


At Fr. Damien's Grave



Rev. Joseph A. Sweeney, M. M. (left), of New Britain, Conn., and Rev. Peter d'Orgeval, SS. CC., chaplain of the Molokai leper colony, at the grave of Fr. Damien, noted Apostle of the Lepers. Fr. Sweeney, who has been in the Orient since 1921, completed at Molokai, a year's study of leprosy in the Far East. He is interested in the founding of a leper asylum in the Maryknoll Kongmoon Mission of South China.

MAMMOTH MEDICAL MAGNET



What is claimed to be the world's largest electric magnet for medical purposes is shown here in the new Firmin Desloge Hospital of St. Louis University. It weighs 3,000 pounds, cost \$20,000, and with delicate precision, will aid in extracting bits of steel from the human body with a minimum of hazard. It is a memorial to the late Col. Ernest L. Bingham, chief medical officer at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. In the photo, left to right, are: The Rev. Alphonse M. Schwitalla, S. J., Dean of St. Louis University School of Medicine; Dr. William H. Luedde, Director of the Department of Ophthalmology, St. Louis University; Col. Perry L. Boyer, M. C., U. S. Army, Commanding Officer, Staff Hospital, Jefferson Barracks; and Col. Matthew A. Reasoner, M. C., U. S. Army, Commanding Officer, Medical Supply Depot, St. Louis.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Catholic Facts But Little Known

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By M. J. MURRAY

CHRISTMAS PAGEANTS

are arranged in the churches of Naples. Men and women in Biblical costumes pass before the crib and lay gifts at the feet of the Infant Saviour. These gifts are later distributed to the poor.

The earliest Christmas dinners in English history were those given by KING ARTHUR to his KNIGHTS of the ROUND TABLE.

An English custom which has only recently died out was to "CARRY THE BABE" from door to door seeking alms.

Relics of the Crib in which the Saviour rested at Bethlehem are preserved in the Liberian Basilica in Rome.

MEN whistle at Christmas as services in the Abruzzi district, Italy, to recall the Shepherds' pipes at Bethlehem.

Do you know the meaning of the word ALLELUIA? answer next week



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TRUE REASON FOR CHRISTMAS JOY

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Father bore Him could not keep Him in Heaven, because He loved us with the same infinity of love with which the Father had eternally loved Him: "As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you." Human reason staggers when it thinks of it. It thinks, on the one hand, of the heights of the glory of Heaven and, on the other, of the depths of the misery of Bethlehem's stable. It thinks, on the one hand, of the indescribable bliss which the Son of God enjoyed in His Heavenly Home and, on the other, of the privations, sufferings and miseries which would be His portion in this vale of tears. It thinks, on the one hand, of His majesty and of His infinite holiness and, on the other, of man's lowliness and moral weaknesses.

Human reason looks for a key to the solution of the mystery involved in a fact of faith and history so confounding. There must be an explanation, and the explanation is Love—love infinite, and therefore to us mysterious. It is love limitless in both directions: love prompting Him to restore the Heavenly Father's honor, and love impelling Him to rescue the children of men from the fate of the disloyal angels.

A Truth Not To Be Overlooked

He descends from Heaven to earth where we are, in order that He might lead us from earth to Heaven where He craves to be our "reward exceeding great", He becomes a child of man in order that we might be elevated to the rank of children of God. He took upon Himself our misery, in order that we might become partakers of His glory. The motive evidently was Love, but *why* did He love us?

Oh, Bethlehem does not tell the whole story of His love. There was but the beginning of love overflowing from the heart which was a part of our nature assumed in His second birth. Nazareth, Jerusalem, the desert, Tiberias, Bethany, the hills and valleys throughout Judea, Gethsemane, the Cenacle, Calvary,—all proclaim the unbounded love flowing from the "fullness of the Godhead which dwelt within Him corporally."

This is a truth which we must not overlook even on Christmas day. While Christ came into the world as a Babe, it is God Incarnate, or God in human nature, growing into the boy and into the man, and dwelling among us for thirty-three years Who is held up to us for contemplation.

The Babe of Bethlehem, infinitely lovable, beautiful, adorable, presents no more complete picture of God our Savior, than the Boy-Christ of Nazareth, or the Man-Christ, whether in the midst of His Apostles, or denouncing the Pharisees, or challenging His enemies to convict Him of sin, or healing the sick, or weeping over Jerusalem, or feeding the multitudes, or preaching on the mount, or glorified on Thabor, or instituting the Holy Eucharist in the Cenacle, or agonizing in Gethsemane, or forgiving His enemies while bleeding to death on the Cross. In all these characteristic attitudes combined, as also in the glory of His Resurrection and Ascension, we have a complete picture of Christ the Lord, Whose entrance into the world we observe today, and whose ministry on earth gave glory to God in the highest, and made it possible for men of good will of all ages to enjoy the peace of Heaven while waging the good fight for the crown of eternal life.

Why Did God So Love Us?

Again we ask: "Why did the Son of God so love us"? It will remain a mystery.

We might look for the answer in the inestimable value of the soul, immortal and fashioned after God's own image; in the indescribable malice of sin, for which only God could find a remedy. Yet the greatest of human beings, if we exclude her through whom God gave us His Incarnate Son, is less than the lowest angel, and God showed the latter no such love or mercy. Hence His love for us, so excessive and personal, is not comprehensible.

What does Jesus of Bethlehem, of Nazareth, of Calvary, expect of us in return? Precisely what He showered so lavishly on us—love. Our love can be only limited and finite, and therefore unworthy of Him, but it should be love at least equal to our fullest capacity. "Thou shall love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart and with thy whole soul,

and with thy whole mind, and with all thy strength." God is not only worthy of such love because of His own loveliness, but because He has merited it. We owe it to Him even if we did not benefit thereby. But if our hearts lack gratitude, they should at least not lack the selfishness, which would impel us to love Him to our utmost capacity for our own sakes. Jesus loved us not for any benefit He would derive therefrom, but in order to save us from everlasting misery and to procure for us happiness everlasting.

The Most Generous Among Men

Therefore even the most thoughtless and the least generous among men should observe God's Commandments faithfully, and thus avoid sin, for this is the minimum exacted for the acquisition of Heaven. The *more* generous among us should strive to conform our lives to His by the steady practice of virtue. He Himself said: "I have set you an example, that as I have done you also may do." We are bidden to "follow His steps." Like Paul we should be "imitators of Him." The *most* generous among men are those who make a complete surrender of their possessions, of their talents, relinquish their home and their relatives and their friends to "spend themselves and be spent" for Him, as He spent Himself and was spent for the glory of His Father, and for the sanctification and salvation of others.

Before His crib on Christmas day, therefore renew your Baptismal and Confirmation pledges, wherein you promised to renounce Satan and all his works and pomps. Resolve to imitate your Savior by growing in wisdom and in grace as you grow in age. Learn of Him to be poor in spirit, meek and humble, obedient to God's laws, to be charitable and forgiving, to mortify your passions and appetites, to cultivate holiness in whatever state of life you have already chosen or will choose.

Living as we do in an age, when the generality of people are estranged from God, pray earnestly during this holy season that all men may learn to know "the things which are to their peace"; that all nations may embrace God's Kingdom, and seek peace and prosperity here and bliss eternal hereafter by doing His will on earth as it is done in Heaven. Then will His mission as "Christ the Lord," to save mankind, be realized.



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